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THE SPRING MEETINGS of the Interim and Development Committees were marked by a number of departures this year--including a dinner held jointly by the two committees at the Regent Hotel, a joint press conference, an advance press briefing by Interim Committee Chairman H.O. Ruding, and an inordinate volume of cookie consumption. An attendant at the Atrium coffee bar, who kept track of the daily consumption, revealed that nearly 2,000 cookies were consumed in the first three days of preparatory meetings of the Group of 24 alone.

The meetings were once again conducted with efficiency and competence--aided by a cadre of hard-working staff. About 733 delegates were registered in the Atrium, while some 415 journalists were registered in the press area--equivalent to approximately one journalist for every 1.8 delegates, the same ratio as at the Spring 1984 meetings. Security was tight again this year, with the Fund's own security staff supplemented by 25 guards hired for the week. In addition to the normal complement of photographers, there was an eight-man crew filming parts of the meetings for a 28-minute documentary film on the Fund currently being produced by professional Washington-based filmmakers and expected to be completed in the next few months.

Journalists were based once again in the spacious Visitors' Center, each equipped with a telephone and typewriter and with access to on-site facsimile transmission and telex communications services--both available for a fee. The press area this year was enhanced by the presence of the new Fund bookstore, opened in December. The store, which is serviced by the Publications Unit of the External Relations Department, is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and extends discounts of 40 percent to Fund and Bank staff. The store's easy accessibility to the public and good weather promise brisk sales activity in the coming months once the word gets around about its existence.

The Fund's new 72-seat auditorium in the press area was also put to good use, serving as the site of an unexpected advance press briefing by Interim Com-

mittee Chairman H.O. Ruding. The briefing, held at 3 p.m. Tuesday prior to the Group of 24 press conference, attracted an overflow crowd of journalists. About 95 listened as Mr. Ruding predicted that the likely key themes of the meetings would be "debt" and "medium-term prospects." The Interim Committee Chairman reiterated the desirability of the case-by-case approach to debt problems, the Fund's role as a financing catalyst, the unlikelihood of progress on a new SDR allocation, and the unfeasibility of any link between trade and monetary negotiations. Mr. Ruding stated that the Group of 10's ongoing study of the international monetary system--to be considered at a June 21 Tokyo meeting of the Group of 10 and ultimately presented to the Fund's Interim Committee--will focus only on improvements to the present system, entailing some recommendations for enhancement of Fund surveillance, wider use of multiyear rescheduling agreements where appropriate, and possible reference to exchange market intervention. These advance assessments did in fact prove reasonably accurate. The meetings concluded with agreement on a coordinated effort to resolve the developing country debt problem from a medium-term perspective and on a country-by-country basis; no consensus on a new SDR allocation; and agreement to consider strengthened Fund surveillance.

Soon after the press briefing, the press area was the scene of some excitement as a couple of "journalists" from the *Executive Intelligence Review*, a Lyndon LaRouche-sponsored publication that has consistently attacked the Fund, presented their credentials but were refused admittance. (They were aware that their press credentials would be denied as they were last fall in view of their disruptive behavior at the 1983 Annual Meetings.) They then proceeded to condemn the Fund loudly for denying them entry simply because they "disagreed" with the Fund's "genocidal" policies. Shortly thereafter, they were ably escorted out of the building by several guards. The LaRouche Group, which blames the Fund for much of the world's evils, this year chose to accuse

it also of supporting international drug trafficking as a means of helping a number of its indebted developing member countries to repay their debts to the Fund. The Group's frustration had obviously reached a peak, as it failed to muster any significant following at

its Saturday, April 13, rally at the Lincoln Memorial--despite the crowds attending the Cherry Blossom Parade--as well as at its demonstrations throughout downtown Washington.

David M. Cheney

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A SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA? *Forty Fund and Bank staff members were so tempted by the idea that on Friday, February 22, they took off for a week in Europe, leaving behind the bleakness of winter in Washington. The tour was organized by Margie Fawcett of EXR, who was responsible for arranging even the most minute details of the excursion and who prepared the article below. Other Fund members who participated were Rebecca Kudla, Paulette Korkegi, Rudolf and Lynn Rhomberg, and Moira Sucharov; the remainder of the group was made up of World Bank staff. As Ms. Fawcett reports, the trip was resounding success from the beginning:*

Since this was our first Ski Club-sponsored trip to Europe in a long time, we decided to make the most of it. We chose the Arlberg Region of Austria, where our ski passes were valid not only for St. Anton but also for Lech, St. Christoph, Stuben, and Zurs--enough skiing to keep even the most avid skier happy for weeks. The price of US\$1,020 included round trip airfare to Munich via Pan Am Airlines, a scenic bus ride from Munich to St. Anton and back, accommodations in a four-star hotel, seven four-course dinners and seven buffet breakfasts, one night's bed and breakfast (all you could eat) in a four-star hotel in Munich, and all tax and gratuities. Fortunately for me, our agent, Annie-Marie de la Giroday, came along with us and proved invaluable.

Getting 40 people on the plane from Washington proved to be a much easier task than I had anticipated--Pan Am was exceptionally helpful and provided us

with our own supervisor. A German bus was awaiting us at the Munich airport to take us to St. Anton. (Austrian buses are not allowed to park near the arrival gate.) We arrived in St. Anton at about 3.00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and spent the next few hours touring the facilities. That evening, the Austrian Tourist Board gave us a welcoming party where they not only answered our million and one questions but also furnished us



Margie Fawcett prepares to ski down a mountain overlooking St. Anton.

with all the relevant literature and maps.

Our first experience at the Hotel

Tyrol was dinner. This meal, as well as those that followed, was excellent and the maitre d's knowledge of Austrian wines was commendable. Since accommodations at the cozy Hotel Tyrol were limited, five members of the group had to stay at the much grander if less friendly Hotel Post. All of us were able to savor the gourmet cuisine of Hotel Tyrol, however, since we took turns eating between the two hotels.

Snow conditions--while not the best according to the "locals" and regular skiers of the area--were great. The slopes proved to be very challenging, with the grading even higher than in the western part of the United States. Conditions at St. Anton are so good, we were told, that it has become a "mecca" for expert skiers from all over the world. In fact, we never saw so many professional skiers gathered in one area. This gave most of us an incentive to sign up for ski lessons in the hope that by the end of the week we too would be classified as "experts" on those and future slopes. "Bend ze knees", "keep ze legs parallel", "turn on ze tops of ze moguls (bumps in a ski run) like so" our instructor admonished us.

By the end of each four-hour session our poor muscles were in pure agony. But the pain was not so great that it could not be quieted by a shot of the ever-flowing Jaegertee. This concoction of hot spiced tea and plenty--and I mean plenty--of schnapps and rum became a very popular drink in our group. Just the smell of the intoxicating fumes was enough to make us forget all pain in our tired legs. And for those who wanted their alcohol delivered in some other form, what better than Austrian chocolates filled with myriad liqueurs. My suitcase, and I suspect those of most of us, was loaded with chocolates filled with cognac, kirsch, and rum upon our return home.

One of our outings was to neighboring Lech. The bus first stopped at Zurs, where the most adventurous of us got off to ski over the mountain into Lech. The rest continued by bus into Lech, where they took advantage of the relatively less steep slopes. Hiring a guide to

lead us through the slopes proved a difficult proposition since all had already been hired by the time we got there. But our luck held up, and at the last minute one of our ski instructors offered to lead us. Walter proved to be invaluable and took the advanced skiers on their way over the mountain on what was an unusually foggy and damp day. Visibility was practically nil and finding oneself on top of a mogul when one least expected it proved to be the main action of the day, and the most hilarious in some instances. Annie-Marie, our agent, also found us a French ski guide who was off duty since "the daughter of the Shah of Iran did not feel fit for skiing that day." Also rumored to be in Lech at the time were Princess Caroline and the daughter of King Hussein. Back at the hotel, we treated



The après ski can be just as much fun as the skiing itself. The picture shows Lynn and Rudolf Rhomberg with their ski instructor relaxing after a day on the slopes.

ourselves to a relaxing and well deserved sauna.

To get a feeling of the area, Annie-Marie arranged for an evening's outing to a Tyrolean folk dancing show. Watching men in their lederhosen and women in their dirndls dancing and yodeling was an unforgettable experience for all of us. A few days later, Eleanor Higginbottom, Rebecca Kudla, and Teresa Mira-

bito decided to absorb some local color by riding by train into Innsbruck for a day's visit.

The week ended all too soon. We left Moira Sucharov to enjoy one more day of skiing at her own leisure (she decided to take the train into Munich), and got ready for our bus ride to the German city. This was an experience in itself. Our Bavarian driver had a never-ending collection of cassettes of Bavarian music that he played throughout the journey as he attempted to teach us to yodel. Everything went fine until we reached the outskirts of the city, where we were faced with a traffic jam of gargantuan proportions caused by a farmers' strike. Tired of waiting in the backup, our driver suddenly veered onto a not-yet-completed dirt road running parallel to the main highway. We found the bumpy ride well worth the effort, since it helped us avoid most of the backup, much to the glee of the driver and the outrage of other drivers caught in the jam.

The weather in Munich was rainy and cold, so most members of the group decided to go to the Marienplatz to do some shopping. Annie-Marie and I stayed at the Penta Hotel to check on our

flights back to Washington (Pan Am was on strike domestically and had promised to put us on Lufthansa if it canceled its European flights). While our flight was not canceled, it was made a little longer by an unscheduled stop at Zurich to pick up stranded passengers from canceled flights.

Arriving back in New York brought us back to reality with a jolt. Because of the Pan Am strike we were forced to take Eastern, New York Air, or USAir for our trip back to Washington. This resulted in mad dashes from JFK to La Guardia to catch the Eastern Air Shuttle or to find flights into Dulles, where a number of people had left their cars for the week. While this ending was a letdown, it still could not spoil our memories of a lovely, smooth, and well-worth-the-cost trip.

The Fund-Bank Ski Club will sponsor a number of ski trips next winter. Watch out for announcements on dates and destinations some time in the fall. Staff members who would like more information or would enjoy becoming a trip leader should call Club President Frona Hall at 667-7070. The Ski Club welcomes members of all ages and levels of expertise, from beginner to expert.

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A COMPUTER-BASED INDEX TO THE IMF SURVEY for 1984 and 1985 is now available to Fund and Bank staff in an on-line version in the Joint Library and other libraries on the Joint Library information network. The new index is the first stage of a cumulative computerized index to the publication and will be expanded to include all articles published in the *IMF Survey* since its inception in 1972.

The index is being compiled from a data-base system on the Fund's Hewlett Packard 3000 minicomputer using the software package MINISIS. The day-to-day work is handled by Violeta G. Lotuaco, Editorial Assistant in the Cur-

rent Publications Division of EXR, who categorizes each article and enters it into the *IMF Survey* file on the computer with a headline, volume number, issue number, date, page number, index subjects, and any additional notes. The file is a part of the Joint Library Bibliography data base. As the back issues are indexed, staff will be able to get cumulative index results from on-line searching as well as from cumulative published versions. The on-line version will also be useful for combined subject searches.

The computer file is also being used to generate the annual hard-copy version of the index, which was designed by



The new *IMF Survey* index was a team effort by staff members from different departments. The picture shows Violeta Lotuaco at the computer terminal; standing are (from left to right) Susan Turner, Anne C.M. Salda, Erika Beyer, John W. Nesbitt, and Stephanie Ralph.

Robert Frederick, Art Supervisor for the *IMF Survey*. The published index is sent to all subscribers and is included in bound volumes of the publication. The first published version under the new format, for Volume 13 (1984), was issued in early March. According to *IMF Survey* Editor Ronald A. Krieger, the new index "represents a significant departure from our past practice." Instead of providing, as in the past, a topical list of subjects mentioned in the *IMF Survey*--referenced only by page number--the new index is designed essentially as a topical guide to articles that have appeared in the publication.

Entries under this new format are still organized by subject, as in previous years, but each entry now represents an article instead of a topical reference. By providing the headline and date of that article in addition to the page number, this method furnishes the user of the index with substantive information about the content of material published in the *IMF Survey*. Each article will be found under all relevant topic headings. As in the past, the

published version of the index includes supplementary listings of new Fund publications and of the speeches of the Managing Director, as published in the *IMF Survey* during the year. These entries are also indexed under topical headings.

The development of the new index was a cooperative effort of staff members from several departments, under the general direction of Mr. Krieger and Bibliography Librarian Anne C.M. Salda. From the Joint Library, Susan Turner, Automation Systems Coordinator, set up the computerized program with help from Stephanie Ralph, Assistant Systems Coordinator, and John W. Nesbitt, Computer Systems Officer in the Bureau of Computer Services. Erika Beyer, Bibliography Clerk, provided data-entry training. From the *IMF Survey* staff,



Robert Frederick and Violeta Lotuaco select the photographs used to illustrate the printed version of the *IMF Survey* index.

Mrs. Lotuaco classified and entered the information into the computer system, while Mr. Frederick designed and produced the printed version of the index. From the Editorial Division of EXR, Paul E. Gleason, Assistant Editor, and Margaret A. Casey, Editorial Assistant, edited and proofread the manuscript, galleys, and page proofs for the final printed version.

THE ATRIUM BECAME A SHOWCASE in March and April for two expositions of paintings organized by the Art Society. His Excellency Thomas Klestil, the Austrian Ambassador, opened the first show on March 7. One of the largest opening-night crowds in years--over 400 people--was on hand to meet the artists, view the paintings, and sample the Austrian wine that flowed in abundance thanks to the generous selection of vintages provided by the Embassy. Sponsored by the Austrian Embassy and the Austrian Institute, the show featured the paintings of six Austrian artists now living in New York City. The 60 paintings in various media covered a wide range of subjects, from stylized graffiti straight from the New York subways to more lyrical pieces reminiscent of the belle epoque of Vienna. The paintings remained on display for the rest of the month and attracted a great number of visitors.



Lee Lawson (left) and His Excellency Thomas Klestil (right) at the opening receptions of the two most recent Art Society exhibitions.

The second show, a collection of unusual and often wistful subjects by American artist Lee Lawson, succeeded the Austrian exhibition on April 2. A native of Georgia, Miss Lawson favors all pastels while giving preferred status to a blue that is prominent in many of her works. Her paintings frequently depict the human figure because, she says, "there is about it a familiarity

found in no other image." Those experienced in looking at modern art often find Miss Lawson's brush technique of interest, while novices seem to focus on the composition and transparency of her works.

The Art Society--the oldest active "extracurricular" organization in the Fund--was founded in 1962. Membership in the Art Society, now numbering 166, is open to all active and retired staff members as well as to members of the Executive Board. Members pay an annual fee of \$10, which entitles them to invitations to all openings and to the annual prize drawing. The fees are used to buy the works of art offered as prizes at the drawing (held this year on April 30).

There is no dearth of artists who wish to exhibit their works at the Fund. Artists are usually eager to exhibit here since these shows give them greater



exposure to the Washington public. In turn, staff members benefit from having an in-house gallery showing the latest art. The 13-member Art Committee meets once a month to consider new submissions. Apart from the quality of the art itself, considerations of nationality (the Committee seeks the widest possible national representation) and variety of subject matter come into play

in the Committee's decision on which artists will exhibit at the Fund.

For information on becoming a member,

please contact Yves Gisse (7959), Sheila Wright (7619), or Charles Collyns (8491).

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U.K. NATIONALS working in the Fund might not be aware that there exists an organization designed specifically to meet their retirement needs. Founded in 1977, the Association of Former United Nations Civil Servants boasts a membership of nearly 800. The Association was designed for members of international organizations planning to retire in the United Kingdom. It offers its members valuable help in retirement planning, providing special insights on taxation and repatriation problems.

The basic fee for becoming a member of the Association is £10.00 per year,

but those who can spare a little more are encouraged to do so (an average of £20.00 per member is needed just to break even). New members will receive the Association's *Guiding Notes on Planning for Retirement in Great Britain* and will be placed on the mailing list for its newsletter, published twice a year. The Association recommends enrollment at least ten years before retirement so that members may obtain the most help with their retirement planning needs. Staff members wishing to enroll in the Association should call Francis X. Hogan, Ext. 8223.

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THE JOINT LIBRARY was created for the benefit of the staffs of the Fund and Bank. But the number of visitors who request permission to use the facilities is growing rapidly and this is beginning to tax the Library's facilities. As a result, according to Librarian Maureen M. Moore, the Joint Library has begun to selectively restrict the number of outside users who may use its services.

If a staff member has a guest who wishes to use the Joint Library, he or she should call the Reference Desk (preferably one week prior to the day of the visitor's arrival) at Ext. 7054 to obtain approval. This advance notice allows the library staff to monitor the number of visitors using the facilities

on any given day and to give staff-sponsored visitors priority over other visitors requesting access.

In view of the limited availability of library space and staff time, only visitors with special needs that can best be met by the Joint Library should request access; undergraduate students ordinarily cannot be granted visiting privileges. Visitors may not borrow from the collection, but may photocopy materials at ten cents per page.

With the cooperation of the Fund and Bank staffs, Mrs. Moore says, the Joint Library will be able to continue to offer its hospitality to qualified visitors without jeopardizing the quality of its service.

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SUMMER BABYSITTING SERVICES are once again being offered by the Family Committee of the Bretton Woods Recreation Center (BWRC). This service has proved

very popular with BWRC members and associate members since it was begun four years ago. It has been especially welcomed by tennis and golf enthusiasts,

who are now able to enjoy their games without worrying so much about the whereabouts of their children.

The babysitting service at BWRC is designed for young children up to six years of age. Two teenage babysitters recruited from BWRC families care for the children at the tennis shelter area. Here the children can use the playground equipment, play ball, model with playdoh, or fill in coloring books. This year the service will operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during May and September and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in June-August.

The charge for the whole season (five months) is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. Staff members who are planning to take a long

vacation this summer or who intend to use the service only infrequently may still obtain babysitting services while at BRWC by paying \$5 a day for each child. Payment for this option may be made directly to the babysitters or to Alberto DeVita at the tennis shelter.

Registration forms for the season option may be obtained from the Staff Relations Office, Room 6-320. Checks should be made payable to the BWRC Family Committee. Please send your payment, along with the registration form, to Mary Ann DeLuca, Room 1-536, Veronica Rodriguez, Room IS6-608, or Mr. DeVita at the tennis courts. Registration forms for teenagers interested in babysitting as a summer job may be obtained from the Staff Relations.

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WORKING G-IV SPOUSES AND CHILDREN should remember to renew their work authorizations. These are valid for two years (as long as the dependent remains with the same employer) and should be renewed prior to their expiration date. The law states that if a gap exists between the termination date of an authorization and the date of renewal, the spouse or child is not entitled to continue working during that period. Renewals take effect only upon receipt of the new work permit from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States (INS). Processing by the INS of applications for renewals or extensions of

existing work authorizations for the same employer are currently taking six to eight weeks.

If a G-IV dependent works illegally and subsequently attempts to obtain a permanent resident visa, he or she will be required to go abroad and to have the required permanent residency interviews at a U.S. Consulate. Staff members are therefore encouraged to initiate the procedures for renewals of work authorizations at least two months prior to the termination date of current authorizations. Renewal applications may be picked up from the Staff Relations Unit at Room 6-320.

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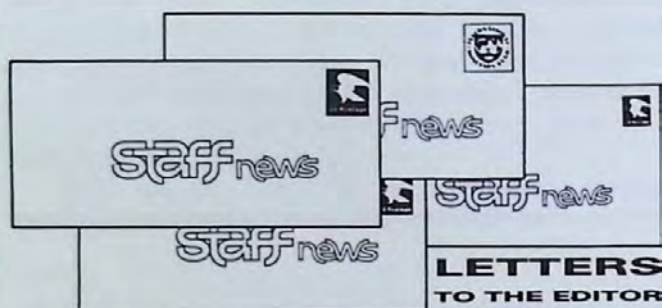
MEDICAL CARE IS EXPENSIVE in this area, as we are all aware. For this reason, staff members are encouraged to arrange for medical insurance for their visitors from abroad and relatives living in the United States. The type of policy

needed to safeguard against the financial burdens that usually accompany a hospital stay depends on specific circumstances. While a comprehensive individual policy with a reputable company such as Blue Cross may be the preferred

option for some individuals, others may be better off by choosing some form of short-term medical coverage. Brochures describing the coverage and costs of visitors' insurance policies offered by two companies (not affiliated with the Fund) may be picked up from Staff Relations, Room 6-320.

The local chapter of Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be holding its annual open enrollment during the month of July; there is no age limit for enrollment.

Coverage for persons enrolled under this program will not begin until September. The rates charged by Blue Shield/Blue Cross for this service have not been published yet, but the cost last year was \$86.74 a month for individual coverage and \$189.00 a month for family coverage. Staff members who have relatives living in the Washington area who do not have medical insurance may be interested in pursuing this option. For additional details please call 484-9100.



If you have questions that you would like answered, or opinions that you feel may be shared by other staff members, please send them in to us and we will publish them in the Letters to the Editor column.

As a matter of editorial policy, we request that all letters be signed, in order to be able to verify their legitimacy. In those cases where anonymity is

requested, we will not publish the writer's name without permission. However, if we feel that the opinions expressed in the letter call for a signature, we will advise the writer and give him or her the final word on whether the letter will be published.

In the past two months we have received a number of unsigned letters. We cannot publish these letters until we have identified their authors. We would appreciate it if the staff members who wrote in would get in touch with the Editor as soon as possible so that we can publish their letters in the next issue of *Staff News*.

Liliana Fidel Hamilton
Editor, *Staff News*,
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WORLD'S WORD has just turned one year old and already it has quintupled its press run from the original 1,000 copies. And *World's Word* is no longer just an internal magazine read solely in the halls of the Bank and Fund. The word of its existence has gotten out, and the magazine is now in demand throughout Washington's diplomatic circles and in regional and international organizations around the world.

The quarterly magazine is celebrating its first anniversary with the introduc-

tion of a new feature in its Winter 1984 issue: works by famous writers from all over the world translated into English especially for *World's Word*. The Winter 1984 issue includes a poem by A.S. Pushkin translated from the Russian by Fund staff member David Armour. The latest issue, moreover, continues the tradition of including original works by members of the Fund and Bank as well as works by guest artists.

Staff members not already on *World's Word's* mailing list may obtain a free

copy of the latest issue from the World Bank Book Store at the corner of 19th and G, the Newstand in the Bank's "E"

Building, the Credit Union, the Joint Library, or the InFFO office in the Fund (Room 1-528).

MAY IS NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH. The Medical Department of the World Bank is joining in the observance of this occasion by sponsoring lectures and confidential blood pressure screenings for staff of the Fund and Bank as

part of its Health Awareness Program.

The slogan for this year's observance of National High Blood Pressure Month is "make control your lifetime goal." The lectures will focus on this theme. Below is a schedule of events.

LECTURES

Date, Time, and Place

Thursday, May 2, 1985

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Eugene Black Auditorium

Wednesday, May 8, 1985

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Eugene Black Auditorium

Wednesday, May 15, 1985

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Eugene Black Auditorium

Lecture Topic, Speaker

Hypertension and Its Risk Factors

Richard N. Scott, M.D.
The Washington Cardiovascular Institute

Treatment of Hypertension

Ibrahim Khatri, M.D.
Veterans Administration Medical Center

Hypertension and Nutrition

American Red Cross

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Date	Time	Place
Friday, May 3, 1985	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Eugene Black Auditorium
Friday, May 17, 1985	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	H Building, Room H2300
Monday, May 20, 1985	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	I Building, Room I-2-220
Friday, May 24, 1985	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Fund Building, Staff Lounge
Friday, May 31, 1985	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Eugene Black Auditorium

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR STAFF. In February, Orlando Lobo of the IMF Institute and Christine McCaskie of the Office of the Managing Director commemorated 25 years of service with the Fund.

TWENTY-YEAR STAFF. Eugene Williams of Administration commemorated 20 years of

service in January. In February, Evangelos A. Calamitsis and Guler Fitzgerald commemorated twenty years of service with the Fund.

BIRTHS. A son, John Carlo, was born on January 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Li-marzi.

New Members of the Fund Staff



Anna V. Aftergutt
TRE - U.K.



Gladys E. Barriere
BLS - El Salvador



Gloria M. Bartoli
FAD - Italy



Arij L. Bovenberg
FAD - Netherlands



Maria T. Caparas
TRE - Philippines



Richard Fox
OED - U.K.



Nasibu Kibola
OED - Tanzania



Jianchao Liu
OED - China



Jean G. Marcouyeux
SEC - U.S.A.



Timothy Muzondo
AFD - Zimbabwe



Maria Socorro J. Obias
BUR - U.S.A.



Alice S. Smith
TRE - Chile

RESIGNATIONS. In February, Christopher N. Egwim and Takayoshi Hatayama resigned from the Fund. Victoria E. Navarro resigned from the Fund in March.

RETIREES. Constantin Ross of the Bureau of Statistics retired in February, and Carmen D.J. Leister of the Bureau of Statistics resigned in March.

TRANSFERS. The following staff members transferred in February: James C. Corr,

from SEC to TRE; Joachim Harnack, from Support Group (Resident Representatives and Advisors) to African Department; Diana M. Cunningham, from EUR to AFR; Patricia Rodriguez, from WHD to SEC; and P. Samakovlija-Bolasny, from OED to ETR. In March, the following staff members transferred: James E. Blalock from RES to TRE; Mohamed Hosny, from MED to INST; Abdulhay Kayoumy, from MED to BUR; Miranda Xafa, from EUR to ETR; Barbara T. Hinton, from EUR to AFR; and Rosetta M. Rathnam, from ASD to Support Group, Secretarial Staff.

REMINDER. Staff members who wish to have birth and marriage announcements included in *Staff News* should send a short note to the Editor, Room 10-548. For birth announcements, please include the full name of the child and of the spouse, as well as the date of birth. For marriage announcements, please include the staff member's department, date of marriage, and full name of spouse.

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