

Al Lamb Describes Life in Congo, Cameroun, and Central Africa

Life in Cameroun and Central African Republic are described by Al Lamb, with the U. S. Department of Commerce Trade Mission now in Africa, in three recent letters.

The first was written from Buea, Cameroun, on May 21:

"This is a beautiful spot and fairly cool for this zone. The hotel we are staying at is 5,000 feet up the slopes of Mt. Cameroun the highest peak in Western Africa, about 15,000 at the top. I went on a private plane flight today to view the range lands beginning about 50 miles from here and continuing for several hundred miles. To get there we flew over about 35 miles of tropical rain forest which is very dense and much like the jungle one pictures in their minds when thinking of Africa.

"Thousands of head of cattle are grazing here but the grass is very lush and many thousands more could be raised if they wanted to. Everyone here speaks English and are very nice and very friendly. Tomorrow night I am one of three to speak on the radio.

"This place is near the ocean and was under British control after World War 1 to 1960 when West Cameroun voted under the U. N. plebiscite to join East Cameroun, the former French Colony. The government and the people here are very friendly to our country and particularly President Kennedy for his all-out work to come to the President of the Camerouns a few months ago. It was during that visit that our mission was promised. These people are definitely part of the free world and make it very clear.

"Well we start out for Victoria tomorrow at 7:30 and won't get through until late at night so I am retiring for the night right now. Regards, Al Lamb."

The second letter was written May 27 from Bangui, Central African Republic:

"This hotel (Rock Hotel) sits beside the Congo river which seems as wide as the Columbia here. I can look out the picture window and see the Belgian Congo on the other side. It looks quiet and peaceful from a distance at least, and I expect to be satisfied at merely looking across while here. We go on down to Brazzaville, Congo, Thursday and have been promised a trip across to Leopoldville on Friday. It is around there that most of the fighting has been, but I guess its much quieter now.

"All these countries I have visited so far—Chad, Cameroun and Central African Republic—are very poor. Most of the people are living under what seems like impossible conditions at extremely low incomes and a bare existence. This because they are agricultural countries—about 90 to 95 per cent of their gross national income comes from agriculture. They grow bananas, coffee, tea, cocoa, peanuts, palm oil and cotton. Most of these products are sold on world markets that are glutted and are sold for artificial prices supported by the government at prices so low the average farmer receives not over \$20 per year gross income.

"Because of these low prices there is no purchasing power and the governments do not have the funds to lift the economy up. The French are supporting the countries through direct cash aid and through buying subsidies. This costs France about a billion dollars a year.

"Where the Peace Corps has been they are very popular and all seem to want them. Probably these young people with know-how to go out and show these people how to farm and market their goods through working with them are the answer and will succeed in lifting up these economies by their bootstraps. "They raise some grain here

and have vast cattle ranges. The native population gets almost no meat except for wild animals they kill. The result is there are many evidences of malnutrition. It's hard for people on a deficient diet to work or to think. I believe the mission I am with is accomplishing something, at least for the long pull. We are advising them and helping where we can, and are received with open arms everywhere. America and its free enterprise system are looked up to. Our ambassadors and their staffs are very popular and certainly these nations are our friends. Regards, Al Lamb."

A third letter was written from Brazzaville, Congo, June 1:

"It seems like a long time since leaving home but the time is getting close when I will be starting back to Heppner and Morrow county. If anyone doesn't realize how lucky he is to be an American, he should take a trip away from it for a while. That would cure him. You hear everywhere, particularly here in Africa, that "You are a great people," and they look up to our government and people in a way that inspires one.

"We met the President of Congo today, twice. First time for a visit and a few hours later to have our pictures taken with him. You see, because of some typical bureaucratic mixup our photographer was not allowed past the guards the first time, so we were called back at 12:30 for pictures.

"We think our taxes are high in the U. S. but in the Central African Republic the average income of the farmers after taxes is about 20 dollars a year—the taxes are almost \$30 a year. Prices are just as high here as in the U. S. so people simply live on a very low sustenance level. Second hand clothes, most wear very little, and a little homemade beer plus wild tapir just about keeps them alive, but undernourished. About 9 per cent of the people are illiterate but education on a primary basis is increasing due largely to massive United Nations aid in that line.

"The people of Tchad are better fed but they, too, live on less than \$60 per year income—that is, about 90 per cent of that. What is said for the Congo is just as true about Cameroun and Gabon. The climate is very hot and moist in most of these countries during several months of each year. The rest of the year is just hot and dry.

"In most of these countries the governments have contracted with Frenchmen to act as advisors to the government officials. Usually the specialists advice is taken and there is real evidence of a sincere effort on the part of the contracted advisors and government officials to lift the economies up, and they are making some headway.

"We are now below the equator and can see the Southern Cross plainly in the sky. We can see Leopoldville plainly across the Congo river. I think I have run out of anything to write about except that most of the work here is done by women—not a bad idea! Regards, Al Lamb."

Giants Cop Title For First Half With 7-2 Record

Little League baseball action continues to roll along with the second half of the season starting this week. The Giants clinched the first half title with a 21-8 win over the last place Dodgers in a game played Monday. The Indians won second place with a 7-6 win over the Braves Tuesday. They ended with a 6-win and 3-loss record; the Braves had a 5-win 4-loss record; and the Dodgers lost all nine games.

Last Wednesday the Braves shut out the Dodgers, 6-0. Randy Stillman started on the mound for the Braves, going five innings, and Larry Pettyjohn came in to relieve him, getting the first two men and Steve Pettyjohn came in to get the third out to end the game. The Dodgers used Jon O'Donnell and Kip Scrivner for the pitching duties.

Last Thursday the Giants took a close game from the Indians, 8-5. The Indians got two runs in the second and the Giants came right back to pick up five in the bottom of the second. From then on the Giants were never behind. Roger Leonnig went the distance for the Giants, giving up five runs on three hits, 11 strikeouts, and two walks. The Indians went with Jeff Turner who allowed eight runs on three hits, 11 strikeouts, and walked five men.

Friday night the same two teams met for a makeup of the May 24 game. The Indians came up with the win on a 6-5 score. The lead changed hands several times before the game ended. The Giants got one run in the first and the Indians came right back in the bottom of the inning to get three runs. They held this lead until the top of the fourth when the Giants broke loose for four big runs to lead 4-3. Then in the bottom of the fifth the Indians pushed across three runs and held the Giants in the sixth to take the win. Russel Kilkenny started on the mound for the Indians and Gary

Youth Enjoying Trip

Bill Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, is in Florida this week on his trip with 41 high school students traveling by chartered bus on Student Tour USA. In a recent letter he told of visiting in Salt Lake City, going to Grand Canyon and a tour through Carlsbad Caverns, N. M. Considerable time was spent, too, in San Antonio, Texas, and New Orleans, La., before going on to St. Petersburg, Fla. Weather has been good, if somewhat on the warm side, in the south. In Texas they missed a tornado by about 24 hours. After leaving Florida, the touring students will go to Williamsburg, Va., New York City and Washington, D. C.

Kemp and Jim Swanson came in to relieve him. Terry Prock went the distance for the Giants.

Monday, the Giants had a field day at the expense of the Dodgers, getting 21 runs, including home runs by Rick Johnston and Roger Leonnig. Leonnig did the pitching for the Giants. Jon O'Donnell and John McCabe teamed up on the mound for the Dodgers.

Tuesday night the Indians and Braves were vying for the second place spot and the lead changed hand twice before the game was over. The Indians took over first with two runs in the first and three more in the third. The Braves bunched six runs together in the fourth to take the lead. Then the Indians came back in the fifth to pick up two runs on a walk and error. Jeff Turner held the pitching duties for the Indians and Kent Pratt and Larry Pettyjohn shared the mound duties for the Braves. This game concluded the first half of play and the boys go into the last nine-game second half of the season. Tournament play is scheduled for July 20 and 21 in The Dalles. All-star team players will be selected from the 11 and 12 year-olds playing on the four teams of the league. This All-star team will meet a team in The Dalles.

Games this week:
 June 14 Giants vs. Braves.
 18 Indians vs. Giants.
 19 Dodgers vs. Braves.
 20 Indians vs. Braves.
 21 Giants vs. Dodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford returned Tuesday after a vacation at Long Beach, Wn. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Bedford's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Bedford of Portland. Jack enjoyed a favorite sport of digging razor clams and brought home a good supply. Weather was excellent while they were there, he said.

Randy Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stillman, and Billy McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. David McLeod, are in Seattle this week to attend the World's Fair and take a side trip into Canada. They each won the trips as Oregonian and Journal carrier boys.

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Girls Travel After End of College Year

Miss Mary Evelyn Tucker is vacationing with a college friend, Miss Emily Bump at Newport for a week. Before returning to Heppner the girls will go to Seattle for a tour of the World's Fair.

They are expected to arrive at the Archie Padberg home Friday evening, coming with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tucker of Salem. Miss Bump will spend a week here before returning to Newport.

Rockhound Corner

by Betty Wagner

With the advent of summer, fair booth plans must be made, so a committee was chosen at our May meeting to work out details for the big event. Terry Blevins, field trip chairman, has scheduled a trip to Central Oregon the first part of July. Incidentally, a local rock show will be on at Prineville at this time and the Prineville area offers much to appease the voracious appetite of rockhounds, so this trip sounds like a "must!"

Randall Peterson revealed some interesting facts about a mineral. It has a hardness of 7.5 to 8; is very brittle, therefore fractures easily; comes in all colors, but is most commonly known by the deep, rich green variety; may cost as much as \$3,000 per carat; and occurs most commonly in South America. By the way, it is the May birthstone. Have you guessed it yet?

Doc and Edith Babb have recently returned from another winter in Arizona and vicinity and had many interesting pictures of the Navajo Indians. Some are very wealthy—being owners of uranium, oil, and coal mines; others live by raising sheep and making and selling rugs. Doc had other excellent slides of the copper mine at Bisbee, Arizona, and the colorful missions and cemeteries at Monument Valley and in Utah.

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NOTICE OF 1962-63 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (ORS 294.305 to 294.415), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District, Heppner, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on June 11, 1962, the budget estimates for Heppner Cemetery Maintenance Dist., Heppner, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, II, III and IV. All persons are hereby notified that on Wednesday the 27th day of June, 1962, at 7 P. M., in the District Office at 630 N. Main Street, Heppner, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the levying board for Heppner Cem. Maint. Dist., Heppner, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Heppner Cem. Maint. Dist., Oregon, at June 11, 1962, was as follows:

NATURE OF OBLIGATION	AMOUNT
None	None

Signed: C. A. Ruggles, Chairman Budget Committee.
 Mary Van Blokland, Secretary Budget Committee.
 Willard Blake, Member Budget Committee.

Summary Of Estimated Expenditures, Receipts and Tax Levies Fiscal Year 1962-1963

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$14,849.39	Total Levy Needed for 1962-63	None
Estimated Receipts Other Than 62-63 Taxes	14,849.39		

EXPENDITURES

Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Actual for First 11 Months July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962	Budget for Year	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963	
					By Officer or Department	Approved by Budget Comm.	
\$1,185.43	\$ 344.05	\$1,265.79	\$1,556.18	\$1,250.00	Machine rental and or new machinery	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
154.72	100.57	87.96	30.30	150.00	Office expense, bids, elections, adv. budget	150.00	150.00
None	None	222.25	222.25	200.00	Audit	225.00	225.00
521.00	512.00	511.14	125.00	500.00	Attorney, office rent, recording	350.00	350.00
1,349.20	1,069.96	241.80	96.41	150.00	Utilities	150.00	150.00
1,322.88	1,381.63	1,544.14	1,017.53	2,000.00	Supplies, maintenance, landscaping, weed control	1,500.00	1,500.00
None	None	1,375.63	None	1,675.61	Roads and fences—work now in progress—Carryover	2,124.39	2,124.39
156.55	244.84	435.61	83.42	200.00	Insurance	150.00	150.00
7,269.39	7,449.85	7,680.71	6,254.75	10,000.00	Labor	8,500.00	8,500.00
None	35.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00
None	None	None	120.00	500.00	Fund for purchase of Old Lots	150.00	150.00
None	None	None	428.43	500.00	Emergency	500.00	500.00
					SALARIES:		
					Custodian	\$5,019.60	
					Secretary	600.00	
					Attorney	300.00	
					Additional summer employees \$1.50 per hour.		
					Total Expenditures	\$14,849.39	\$14,849.39

RECEIPTS

Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960	Actual for Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Actual for First 11 Months July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962	Budget for Year	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963
					By Officer or Department	Approved by Budget Comm.
\$ 775.00	\$1,170.00	\$ 640.00	\$1,010.00		Grave Openings	
365.00	700.00	275.00	910.00		Liners	
260.00	100.00	150.00	390.00		Space—Old Cemetery	
1,500.00	1,275.00	450.00	1,050.00		Space—New Cemetery (1/2 to Perpetual Care Fund)	
980.00	930.00	840.00	800.00		Annual Care	
2,567.50	2,320.00	2,200.00	2,057.50		Perpetual Care (1/2 to Perpetual Care Fund)	
132.20	78.18	341.70	165.81	TOTAL	Miscellaneous—int., refunds, etc.	TOTAL \$3,000.00
					Carry-over from roads & fences, work now in progress	2,124.39
					Estimated balance on hand after paying all current bills	9,725.00
					PERPETUAL CARE FUND:	
					Time Certificates	
					of Deposit	\$8,500.00
					Cash on hand for investment	1,545.00
						\$10,045.00
					Total—Items 1 to 35, Inclusive	\$ 3,000.00
					Add: Beginning available unappropriated and unexpended Cash Balance	11,849.39
					TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,849.39
					Certified Correct:	
					Elaine S. George, Sec.-Treas.	