



MYSTERY GIRL—Who am I and what am I doing here? This pretty girl who says her name is Marie Balmer apparently arrived in Memphis, Tenn., aboard a bus from St. Louis. Police and doctors are seeking her identity. Her black coat has an "I. Magnin" label and her shoes a "Frank Moore" label. She had \$50 in her purse and among names she remembered was a "Dr. McElligott." (UPI Telephoto)

More Practical Men Sought for Service In ICA Work Abroad

A plea for more competent and practical men to serve with the International Cooperation administration abroad was voiced by Dr. Murray Dawson, assistant professor at Oregon State University, in an address before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday.

Pennsylvania Farmers Aiding Needy in Kenya

Bethlehem, Pa. (UPI)—Most Americans think of foreign aid as something the government does. But the people of this Pennsylvania community are proving that private initiative can also play a part in extending help to underdeveloped countries.

They have started a little "Point Four" program of their own to assist farmers in Kenya, East Africa. They call it "Operation Rust."

Operation Rust was born several months ago when Robert Fehnel, a director of the Bethlehem Junior Chamber of Commerce, escorted an African boy on tour of the rich farmlands in Northampton county. The youth, Francis Mbugua Muihia, is a student at Moravian college in Bethlehem.

Francis spotted a harrow rusting in the corner of a field.

"Why do American farmers neglect their tools?" he asked. Horsedrawn Harrow

"Oh, that's just an old horse-drawn harrow," Fehnel replied. "Our farmers use tractor-drawn equipment now, and that harrow is completely useless. You'll see lots of old farm equipment like that rusting in the fields around here. It's not even worthwhile to gather it up for scrap."

"In my country," said Francis solemnly, "such a valuable tool would never be allowed to rust."

At the next meeting of the Bethlehem Jaycees, Fehnel made a proposal:

"Why don't we ask farmers all over the county to donate abandoned equipment for shipment to Kenya? We businessmen can pay the costs of gathering it up and shipping it to Kenya as our contribution to the project."

The Jaycees enthusiastically adopted the idea, and "Operation Rust" is now getting into full swing.

Equipment Donated
About 30 pieces of farm equipment have already been donated and are being reconditioned by Jaycee volunteers in a barn near Bethlehem. Soon the first shipment will begin the 10,000 mile journey to Kenya.

The tools will be sent to the Rev. Elijah Kagiri Mbugua, a Presbyterian minister, who is the father of the student whose remark launched the

"I have too often seen the 'Ugly American' representing the U.S. in the ICA service," Dr. Dawson told Rotarians.

French and British influence is apparent everywhere in Thailand, the speaker pointed out in discussing his service in that country teaching new practices in agriculture and his work in soil and crop research. This little nation, with 26 million people and an area slightly larger than that of California, produces rice, rubber, teak and tin as major sources of income.

Following Dr. Dawson's address, color slides were shown graphically illustrating the ICA work in improving farm techniques in the small kingdom.

Addressee Kiwanis Club
Dawson, addressing the Medford Kiwanis club on Wednesday noon, spoke of the U. S. foreign program as a dilemma in which the government is unable to distinguish between quantity and quality. He said that the situation can be remedied by sending first class men, not second or third class, overseas.

The soils professor said incompetence among personnel sent to Thailand was shown in impatience, arrogance, lack of humility and lack of willingness to learn of Thai culture and the country's words of politeness. "These are small things but they add up," Dawson declared.

Programs contracted with universities seem to have the most residual effect in helping the people help themselves, the speaker said. Universities are playing a major role in the economic development of the country.

'Not All Bad'
The program is "not all bad," Dawson stated. The New Zealand native said, "Some aspects are good but I think you should be aware of some of the shortcomings."

Dawson expressed the feeling that his agricultural mission was not complete and more could have been accomplished if it had been re-contracted. He reported that Thai people "unlike us cannot plan for problems but are the best copers I know." His assignment was at Koestart university to help improve technical facilities of the school.

The professor reported that Thailand has a surplus of food over population and is likely to remain a surplus area. He also showed the slides at the Kiwanis luncheon at the country club.

NAIL GROWTH
Baltimore — A new human finger nail will usually grow out in about 160 days.

project. The Rev. Mr. Mbugua is the pastor of a village named Kiunyu, in the interior of Kenya. He will distribute the tools to farmers in his area, who are now trying to wrest a living from the soil with primitive hand tools.

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