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DEAN FROLIK'S VIETNAM STUDY

Dean E. F. Frolik of our College of Agriculture and Dr. George B. Alcorn, Director of the University of California Agricultural Extension Service, Berkeley, spent January and February reviewing and making suggestions for improving and developing the agricultural research and extension programs in South Vietnam. They were on a special assignment for the United States Agency for International Development under arrangements made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

They went to Washington for orientation prior to departing for Saigon and then returned by way of Washington for purpose of reporting. In addition to the seven weeks spent in Vietnam they made brief visits to agricultural research installations at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and at New Delhi, India. They had been in Vietnam for three weeks prior to the time of the "cease fire" and remained there for four weeks afterwards.

In the course of making the study, Alcorn and Frolik traveled over 3000 miles within country by plane, helicopter, and automobile. Their visits took them from Hue on the north to fairly close to the souther tip of the Mekong Delta. They visited numerous farms, 4-T Clubs (patterned after our 4-H Clubs), farm and home demonstrations, provincial agricultural offices, and a number of experiment stations.

Virtually all crops imaginable can be grown in Vietnam. The climate in the entire country is tropical. Rainfall varies from that of the average at Lincoln, Nebraska, to over 200 inches annually. The highest elevation is about 7000 feet. Frost has never been known to occur anywhere in South Vietnam.

Principal types of livestock produced are hogs and poultry (both chickens and ducks). The country also has about 1 1/2 million cattle and 1 million water buffalo. Sixty percent of the farm income comes from rice, of which 75 percent is produced on the Delta. Rubber is the second most important crop.

The potential for increased agricultural production is very great. Strengthening of both the agricultural research and extension programs is needed.

REGIONAL PROJECT SUPPORT

Regional research funds for the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station are reduced by $73,572 in the pending federal budget for 1973-74. These funds and programs involved are similar to grant programs and have been handled as such at this Station. While most of the recent distress, discussion, and action have focused on the ARS and Hatch appropriations reductions, the RRF cut is also real and those of you with projects receiving regional fund support should be alerted.

It is anticipated that this reduction will be met by: (a) projects expiring this year, (b) not funding replacement or new projects, (c) critical examination of RRF funding of projects in regions other than NC, and (d) reduction of support of continuing projects as necessary.
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Dietrich, Allen R. - ARS, Instructor in Agr'l Eng. (courtesy appointment resignation)
Glimp, Hudson A. - ARS, Assoc. Prof. of Animal Science (courtesy appointment resignation)
Hultquist, Joe H. - ARS, Instructor in Agronomy (courtesy appointment resignation)
Janike, Edward L. - Dean of Extension and Professor of Agr'l Extension Emeritus (retirement)
Stockland, Alan E. - Asst. Prof. of Entomology (courtesy appointment)
Streeter, Charles L. - ARS, Assoc. Prof. of An. Sci. (courtesy appointment resignation)
Tolman, Walter L. - Assistant Professor of Animal Science Emeritus - NE Sta. (retirement)
Zikmund, Dale G. - Asst. Prof., Agr'l Education (courtesy appointment resignation)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Burnside, O. C. - Agronomy - Shell Oil Company $500
Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (SB Sta.) - Shell Oil Company 1,000
Kleis, R. W. - Ag Experiment Station - Deere & Company (equipment) 31,287
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Miscellaneous Donors 800
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Corn Products Corporation 5,000
Lucas, L. E. - North Platte Station - Miscellaneous Donors 800
Lucas, L. E. - North Platte Station - American Cyanamid Company 1,000
Moline, W. J. - Agronomy - Terra Chemicals International 800
Rhodes, M. B. - Veterinary Science - USDA, CSRS 76,922
Satterlee, L. D. - Food Science and Technology - VioBin Corporation 1,875
Twiehaus, M. J. - Veterinary Science - USDA, APHIS 9,091
Twiehaus, M. J. - Veterinary Science - American Cyanamid Co. 2,000
Vidaver, A. K. - Plant Pathology - DHEW, NIH 23,715
White, R. and J. Campbell - Vet. Sci. and Ent. (NP) - Alley-Johnson Co. (Equip.) 735

GENERAL NOTES

1. Dr. Warren Sahs is currently on a special two week assignment for the Rockefeller Foundation and the Turkish Government. He is advising them on the development of a new experimental farm near Ankara. They will be planning an operations organization, operations facilities, field layouts and land development for a wheat research and training center.

2. The recent removal of the administration annex building near the 38th Street entrance is to provide for the widening of Holdrege Street and the related improvement of that campus entrance. This project is currently planned for 1974.

3. Please be reminded that the University operates a pool of surplus furnishings and equipment. This is under inventory officer Louis Legg. You may turn in items which have become excess to your needs. But more importantly they have many good items which you may obtain at no cost or very nominal cost. Likewise we have surplus gear at the Field Laboratory. To determine what is available or to see it, contact Clarence Kreps (2678) and/or Chick Hastert.

4. The Current Research Information System (CRIS) is available to each of you for printouts concerning research on topics which you identify. We encourage you to make use of it for background in project development, keeping abreast of related work in the US, manuscript preparation, etc. Mrs. Jellsey, in our office, can provide the request forms if you do not have them.

5. He who asks questions cannot avoid answers.
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Journal Abstracts (contact authors for more information)


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