

Programs Aid Nations In Technology

"Final examinations" taken halfway around the world are among the features of a program conducted on campus under a Ford Foundation grant.

The "examinations" take the form of day-to-day service and effectiveness as graduates of the program serve in the A&M System groups assisting developing nations. The overseas service is at the request of the U.S. government, which finances the work.

Wives are included in many of the orientation sessions, as families customarily accompany the professors going overseas under two-year contracts.

Helping people to make an easier and thus more effective transition to a new culture and to new roles is the basic goal of the program here.

"Training does not stop when the man arrives overseas, but continues through the use of the mails," Dr. Jack D. Gray said. He is a veteran of overseas service and heads the A&M System Office of Foreign Programs.

THE ORIENTATION center, now in its third year, offers courses as the need arises. Some 30 persons have completed the program. The \$100,000 grant from the Ford Foundation also is used to develop programs for A&M students especially interested in the problems of developing nations.

Faculty members with special backgrounds in overseas service teach orientation center courses in addition to their normal duties.

"At least two-thirds of the world is crying for technological change," Gray said. He points to A&M's record of experience of training men to help bring changes in Texas agriculture, industry and transportation.

"I feel A&M will continue to be called upon to make a contribution in international problems," Gray said.

"THE QUESTION is whether or

not our American experience in technological change can be transferred to another country," he continued. "If a land-grant college such as A&M can develop the answer to this problem, it will be a big gain for the free world.

Some 20 of America's land-grant colleges and universities including A&M now are conducting programs overseas at the request of and with financial support from the U. S. government.

But the orientation center here is the only one of its type. Michigan State University has the nearest thing to it.

A&M party members study the appropriate language, cultural adjustment and acceptance, the economics of developing areas and implementing technological change. Teaching the courses are faculty members with specialized backgrounds including much travel and service overseas.

DR. RANDALL Stelly, who heads the A&M party due to arrive in Tunisia March 28 to inaugurate that program, compared the six weeks of training here with his experience before going to Indo-China in 1951. He spent only a few days in Washington before leaving for the Far East, and Mrs. Stelly was in Washington only overnight.

"We of course, had to learn the customs after we arrived... we were at a disadvantage compared with these folks here," Stelly said and pointed to other members of the class.

Mrs Arlan B. McSwain said the course began here Feb. 1 and completed March 15 "relieved her fears and anxieties." She knows some-

thing now of the housing, family health, foods and other problems uppermost in any homemaker's mind as she prepares to go overseas. The McSwains lived in Pecos before accepting the overseas assignment and have three children.

The importance of wives in overseas service was stressed by Gray and others. In most countries an

American family with strong ties gains respect, while the experience places special strains upon the homemaker.

GOING FROM our culture to one with a different religion, history and values causes real tensions. What is learned on campus does much to ease these tensions. "The program also is an at-

tempt to help the professor learn to fit in and perform in his new role," Gray said.

"Overseas, he is going to be an institution builder." This calls for different attitudes than those called for by classroom and research experience.

Gray compares the improper development of a program in a foreign nation to those attractive flowers made from paper. They are pretty but have no roots. Similarly, an improperly developed assistance program overseas fades away once the Americans depart and no real benefit accrues to the developing nation.

The orientation center has provided programs of up to six weeks in length for some 30 persons going overseas.

Much remains to be learned, but much has been accomplished, Gray said.

United Nations Club Slates Program Filled With Variety Of Dances, Plays

Folk songs, dances and other entertainment will be presented in a United Nations Club program set for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center. The public has been invited and a social hour will follow the program, club president Sang-U Kim said.

Representing the United States will be a play, "The Potboiler,"

presented by students of Class 7-E of the A&M Consolidated Junior High School. Mrs. Dorothy Rush will direct the play.

Students from Tunisia, India, Pakistan, Free China, the Philippines, Indonesia and Latin America will present folk songs and dances from their countries.

Noted Broadcaster To Speak Friday

Murray Cox of Dallas, known as "the dean of Southwest farm broadcasters," will discuss European agriculture at 7:30 p. m. Friday in Room 122 of the Plant Sciences Building.

The radio announcer will be heard during a joint meeting of the student chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America and the Heart of Texas Chapter, composed of professional conservation workers in Central Texas.

Cox toured Europe last summer and made a film which will be shown at the meeting.

J. C. Mills, assistant professor of agronomy, said the public has been invited to hear Cox.

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Poison Tuna Kills Two; A&P Asks Patrons Beware

NEW YORK (AP)—The A&P food chain cleared the shelves in its 4,400 supermarkets Wednesday of all canned tuna bearing its own label. A tin of the fish was blamed in the suspected poisoning death of two Detroit housewives.

The women were believed to have died of botulism, caused by Japanese tuna contaminated during canning on the West Coast. IT WAS not known whether a single small tin might have gone wrong in the canning process, or whether others in a shipment of more than 5,000 cans might be tainted.

Federal authorities were checking samples across the nation, on the chance that illness or death lurked beneath the sealed lids of other cans. In Washington, Commissioner George P. Larrick of the Food and Drug Administration said tests thus far had proven negative.

THE CANNING firm involved said it was not sure the tuna actually was the cause of the Detroit deaths. And at least one Washington official found it difficult to believe that botulism, a rarity in this day and age, killed

the victims. Nevertheless, housewives were urged to check their pantries for A&P brand tuna, and in New York the health authorities suggested all such tins be returned to A&P markets for refunds. The food chain pledged its full cooperation.

CONSUMERS WERE warned to be especially alert for 6½-ounce cans bearing the A&P label and the coded lid markings "WY3Y2" and "118X." This type of can, retrieved empty from a garbage can, was believed involved in the Detroit deaths.

Margaret McCarthy, 39, died in Detroit on Tuesday; three days after her neighbor, Collette Brown, 37. The women shared a snack of canned tuna late last week, then developed symptoms resembling type E botulism.

Botulism is described in medical dictionaries as food poisoning due to the production of toxins in improperly canned food, characterized by the abrupt onset of violent symptoms, often fatal. Type E designates a poison originating in fish products that attacks the nervous system.

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