Personnel Notes

Supervising Consul General

Herve J. L’Heureux, for the past five years chief of the US State Department’s Visa Division, arrived late in October in Mehlam to assume his new position as supervising consul general in Germany.

In his present capacity, Mr. L’Heureux will act exclusively as executive head of all US consular activities in the Federal Republic.

He replaces Albert M. Doyle, who before retiring after 30 years in the US Foreign Service, had doubled as consul general in Frankfurt and supervisory general consul in Germany.

Mr. L’Heureux was US consul in Stuttgart from January 1937 to October 1939. He has also served in consular posts in Canada, Algeria, France, Portugal and Belgium.

The new supervising consul general is known in the United States as the founder of a “Prayers-for Peace” movement which has been endorsed by 5,081 American organizations. The movement promotes a daily one-minute prayer at noon time for world peace by members of all faiths.

New PAO in Munich

Lowell Clucas assumed in October his duties as public affairs officer at the American Consulate General in Munich and in charge of the public affairs activities in southern Bavaria.

Mr. Clucas, accompanied by his wife and two children, came to Germany from the Voice of America office in New York City where he had been director of news and comments. In 1950-52 he was a member of the US delegation to the United Nations General Assemblies in New York and Paris and during World War II served with the Office of War Information. He was a graduate of Yale University and had been a newspaperman in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Dr. Charles D. Winning, who had been public affairs officer in Munich, had resigned to accept an assignment as international relations officer with the US Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg.

Dr. Winning served nearly eight years with Military Government and HICOG in Germany, arriving in 1945 with the MG Detachment for North Baden. He was named deputy director of OMG Wuerttemberg-Baden in September of that year and a year later became director of the Regional Government Coordinating Office in Stuttgart.

With RGCO’s phasing out in May 1948, Dr. Winning was appointed director of the Education and Cultural Relations Division, OMG Bavaria and continued as chief of the Public Affairs Division, Office of the US State Commissioner for Bavaria with the advent of HICOG operations. For a time in 1949-50 he was acting chief of the Education and Cultural Relations Division, Office of Public Affairs HICOG, in Frankfurt.

Before service in World War II, Dr. Winning had been a professor at New York University for 25 years and was active as an explorer, having discovered the “Cave of the Decapitated Mummies” in the Colorado River gorge.

Radio Chief Departs

Charles S. Lewis, chief of US radio broadcasting operations in Germany for the past seven years, resigned at the end of November to return to New York City to re-enter private business. He was among the American civilians to enter Germany with the troops immediately after the war for assignment with Military Government and consequently was among those having the longest continuous service in occupation duty.

Mr. Lewis arrived in Germany July 12, 1945 as a specialist of the Office of War Information, attached to the Psychological Warfare Division, SHAEF. His first assignment was as deputy chief of the Radio Branch, Office of the Director of Information Control, and shortly afterwards he was named chief of the branch.

It was under his supervision that RIAS, the US-operated radio station

During their recent visit to Berlin, Ambassador Paul Porter, deputy special representative for economic affairs, Paris, and Harlan Cleveland, assistant director for Europe, Mutual Security Agency, Washington, met with leaders of the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB). Shown (left to right): Dr. Karl F. Bode, deputy director, Office of Economic Affairs, HICOG; Ernst Scharnowski, Berlin DGB chairman; Ambassador Porter; Clifford J. Quinlan, Labor Affairs Division, HICOG's Berlin Element, and Mr. Cleveland.

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in Berlin, was developed into one of the most powerful and effective stations in Europe. Under Military Government, Mr. Lewis was responsible for the operation of Radio Bremen, Radio Frankfurt, Radio Munich and Radio Stuttgart, as American stations. He directed the preparation for their turnover in 1949 to German public service corporations, which have managed them under a principle of free radio, in contrast to the centralized government-controlled radio of the Nazi period.

Before coming to Germany, Mr. Lewis served with the Voice of America, after receiving a medical discharge from the US Army in 1943. A former newspaperman, he had been employed with the Brooklyn Eagle for 13 years. He began his newspaper career in Springfield, Mass.


Public Affairs Adviser Leaves

Mrs. Mildred E. Allen returned to the Department of State in Washington in early November for a new assignment after more than two years as special assistant to the director of the Office of Public Affairs, HICOG. During her service in Germany she supervised the coordination of the HICOG public affairs activities with the international information program of the Department of State. She also was a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Information Bulletin.

This was her fourth governmental assignment in Germany since World War II. After serving with the Office of War Information in London and with the Psychological Warfare Division, SHAEF, in Paris during the war, Mrs. Allen assisted in 1945 in adapting various OWI projects to Information Control Division operations. She was a member of the State Department’s survey team on information and education in the summer of 1949 and returned a short time later for several months in an advisory capacity to the Office of Public Affairs.

Takes Manila Post

Dr. Eugene Fair, senior cultural officer of the Public Affairs Section, American Consulate General in Frankfurt, left for the United States Oct. 16 for home leave and consultations before going to his new post as cultural officer at the American Embassy in Manila, the Philippines.

Dr. Fair came to Germany in 1948 to join OMG Hesse in Wiesbaden as chief of the General Education Branch. With the advent of HICOG operations, he became chief of the Public Education Section, OLCH, state of Hesse, particularly in school reform and free tuition. He also took a major role in the establishment of the School Village of the Bergstrasse near Darmstadt (see Information Bulletin, July 1952, page 15).

Press Officer Resigns

Ernest Langendorf, press officer in Bonn for the Public Liaison Branch, Office of Public Affairs, HICOG, for the past six months, has resigned, effective Dec. 31, to accept a position with Radio Free Europe in Munich.

Joining Military Government in Munich in the early days of the occupation, Mr. Langendorf was with the Information Control Division, OMG Bavaria, becoming chief of the Press Branch which handled relations with German newspapers. Under HICOG operations, he became chief of the Information Services Di-

Mr. Brown (center) was sworn in as director by George Riddiford, (left) Division of Foreign Service Personnel, Department of State, in Washington, as Durward V. Sandifer, deputy assistant secretary for United Nations affairs, looks on. (Department of State photo)

subsequently filling the posts of deputy chief of the Public Affairs Division, chief of the Education and Cultural Relations Branch and chief of the Education Branch.

During his service with the US mission in Hesse, he took an active part in the reorganization of the German educational system of the vision, OMG Bavaria, until his transfer to Bonn.

Mr. Langendorf was author of the article “School of Journalism” in the Information Bulletin, July 12, 1949, which described the project for training young Germans for newspaper work according to democratic principles.