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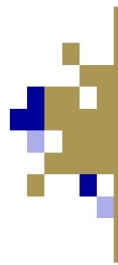
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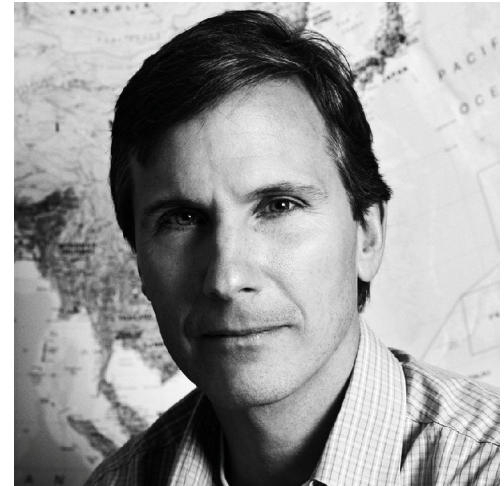
## Washington Post Editor John Pomfret to Speak on China Experiences and Prospects

John Pomfret (pictured at right), editor of The Washington Post's Outlook section, will discuss his experience as a student at Nanjing University in the early 1980s and his views on the future of China's prospects for maintaining communism in a sea of capitalism. Pomfret will be the featured speaker at the September 16, 2009 luncheon meeting of the Public Diplomacy Alumni Association, at the Woman's National Democratic Club in Washington, D.C.

Raised in New York City and educated at Stanford and Nanjing universities, Pomfret is an award-winning journalist with The Washington Post. He has worked as a foreign correspondent for 15 years, covering big wars and small in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Congo, Sri Lanka, Iraq, southwestern Turkey and north-eastern Iran. Pomfret spent seven years covering China, one in the late 1980s during the Tiananmen Square protests and then from 1998 until the end of 2003 as the bureau chief for The Washington Post in Beijing. Returning to the United States in 2004, Pomfret was the paper's West Coast bureau chief for two years before being appointed editor of its weekly Outlook commentary section.

In 2003, Pomfret was awarded the Asia Society's Osborne Elliot Award for the best coverage of Asia. In 2007, he was awarded the Shorenstein Award from Harvard and Stanford universities for his lifetime coverage of Asia.

Pomfret spent two years at Nanjing University in the early 1980s as part of one of the first groups of American students to study in China, where he learned to speak, read, and



write Mandarin. He was also a bartender in Paris and practiced Judo in Japan.

He is married to a Chinese entrepreneur and has three children. He is the author of the critically-acclaimed book *Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China*.

This PDAA event will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 11:30 a.m., at the Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. To reserve your place at this important discussion, please return the coupon on page 11, or the form at [www.publicdiplomacy.org/MeetingAnnounce.htm](http://www.publicdiplomacy.org/MeetingAnnounce.htm).

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## Two Decades of LAFs (Wagner's Music is Better than it Sounds)

### **Aurelius (Aury) Fernandez**

**M**y life as a retiree began when the clock struck midnight on December 31, 1989. I was 59½ years old and entering the first stage of my LAFS -- Life After Foreign Service. I probably would have been committed to an asylum at the time, if I had known and articulated the unanticipated Walter Mitty-like things to come in my first two decades of LAFS. As it turned out, there was never any time for the rocking chair on the front porch and the word "retirement" took on a meaning it never had before.

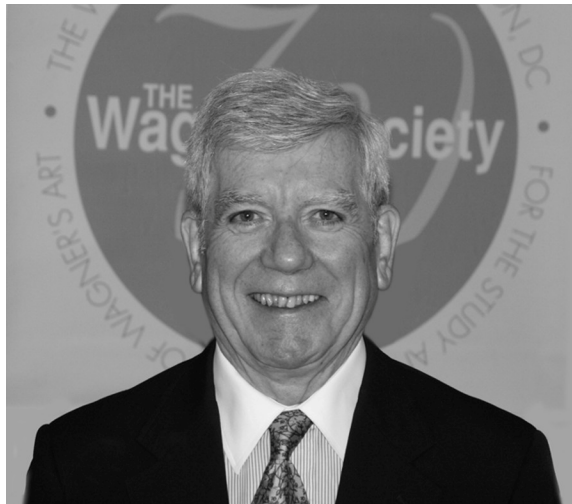
In the transition seminar in the three months before retirement, I was made painfully aware of the challenges of settling in to a life as a job-seeking retiree in Washington DC. On the one hand, there is a deceptively endless frontier here in the nation's capital of positions for retired FSOs in the government, non-government organizations (NGOs), the Hill, K Street, academia, the media and the private sector. On the other hand, I found that none of these institutions were screaming out for the skills and experience I could bring to a new job on the verge of age 60. It was at times very discouraging.

### **Jump-starting media**

But fate was good to me. After six months of retirement, I became Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of the International Media Fund. The organization was led by USIA greats Leonard Marks and Marvin Stone with the mission to jump-start independent media in East Central Europe and the then-Soviet Union after the fall of the Berlin Wall in October 1989.

The planning and problem solving skills required for creating the International Media Fund were many of the same ones I learned in USIA. In addition to Leonard and Marvin, I had for guidance and support my long-time colleague Mike Kristula as we settled into our Dupont Circle offices as an NGO relating to sister organizations in town engaged in helping develop market democracies in East Central Europe. Our funding came from the USAID SEED (Support for East European Democracies) program.

The Fund was active from 1990 to 1995, providing numerous opportunities to be a grant giver and to travel regularly to Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, and to Vladivostok, Russia. It was an opportunity to work with talented and experienced media personalities such as retired ABC News President Bill Sheehan and Westinghouse Vice President Sid Davis, also an experienced VOA official. The Board of Directors included personalities like Newton Minnow, Henry Grunewald, Madeleine Albright, Tom Korologos, David Gergen and others with whom it was a privilege to serve. (Talk about Walter Mitty!)



I later took on fascinating responsibilities as the Secretary of the American Foreign Service (AFSA) Governing Board. Simultaneously I became a member of the Editorial Board of the *Foreign Service Journal*. Both organizations exposed me to Foreign Service issues and challenges I never experienced on active duty. Moreover, I came to know and work with impressive Foreign Service retirees from State, USAID, Commerce, and the Foreign Agricultural Service.

As an extension of my International Media Fund experience, I also served on the Advisory Board of the Central and East

European Law Initiative of the American Bar Association for a few years. It was an unforgettable experience that kept me in touch with East Central Europe and Russia and offered an enlightening exposure to the legal community in Washington, DC.

### **Wagner advances and retreats**

As my first decade of LAFS closed, I turned my attention away from foreign service-related activities to my great avocational interest: the music of Richard Wagner -- as Mark Twain said, the music that is "better than it sounds." Once again, my USIA experiences and instincts served me well in creating a steering committee that led to establishment of The Wagner Society of Washington DC. I served as president of the Society throughout the second decade of my LAFS and now as I enter my third decade, I am the president emeritus.

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## Two Decades of LAFs (cont'd)

It soon became clear that in order for the Wagner Society to prosper, it would require generous voluntary financial contributions, not the easiest thing to accumulate in the competitive arts funding atmosphere in Washington. It was here, yet again, that I could apply a lesson learned from my USIA assignments. When I was in London at the time of Margaret Thatcher, she reminded us that a Good Samaritan needed money in order to succeed. As luck would have it, I found one to become chairman (J. K. Holman) providing major funding from his acquaintances to complement the funding that comes from over 500 dues-paying members. It never occurred to us in our dreams on the steering committee that the Society could attract such a large membership in a decade.

The Society turned out to be a revenue devouring operation as we sought from the beginning to carry out a wide range of programs. These included the Thomas Stewart and Evelyn Lear Emerging Singers program, which has given opportunities to more than 40 aspiring Wagner singers to perform in public in 19 bi-annual concerts. A monthly lecture series presented by Wagner experts at The George Washington University offers members and the public insights to the “study and enjoyment of Wagner’s art” – a phrase designated as the Society’s motto.

The annual retreat weekends grew from 30 participants in 2001 to 70 in 2009. The three-day retreats in the West Virginia countryside focus on one Wagner opera at a time. I serve as moderator for the weekends assisted by experts on Wagner’s music and drama. The 2009 event was on *Tristan und Isolde*. I presented a paper drawing on my experiences as a supernumerary of the Washington National Opera production in 1989. (Talk about Walter Mitty!) The DVDs of the weekends are funded from participant contributions and make an important contribution to the Wagner literature.

There are over 140 Wagner societies around the world with a half dozen major ones in the United States. Wagner wannabes and junkies – among whom I count myself -- are called “Ringheads” because of their loyal support throughout the world for performances of the 4-opera *Ring of the Nibelungen*. The Society has been for me – who had never really been a CAO! – a cultural experience beyond description.

As I reflect on the decades of my active duty career and my first two decades of LAFS, I am grateful for the gratifying experiences that my wife Janet and our children and I have had. My USIA assignments from 1974 to 1990 included Santiago, Chile (as Student Affairs Officer, and then on detail to State as staff aid to Ambassador Korrry); a uni-

versity studies assignment at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; an assignment as an Editor/Writer on *Problems of Communism*; Country Affairs Officer for Romania and Hungary (where the first of my long years of encouragement and support from Len Baldyga began); PAO Bucharest (with colleagues like Steve Chaplin and Ashley Wills); NATO Press Spokesman at the Vienna Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks (MBFR); two separate tours as Press Attache and sometime Acting PAO in London (variously with Bill Hamilton and Bud Korengold); Public Affairs Counselor of US Mission to OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) in Paris.

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### To learn more about the Wagner Society

The second decade of my LAFS and the Wagner Society is encapsulated in the 34-page Tenth Anniversary Report, which I edited with my colleague Frederic Harwood. PDAA colleagues who would like a copy should let me know on [auryfern@aol.com](mailto:auryfern@aol.com) or call me on 301.907.9475. I'll send a copy to you without your commitment to become a member but with my unabashed encouragement that you do so!

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The European assignments were interspersed with the G-8 summits at Versailles, London, Bonn and Venice and the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Geneva. All said, it was a varied career of bilateral and multilateral assignments in politico-military (MBFR and the Reagan-Gorbachev Geneva summit) and economic affairs (OECD and the G 8 summits.)

I feel privileged to be on the fringes of the waiting rooms of presidents and prime ministers under the tutelage of great USIA officers and talented ambassadors. My father told me at some point in my life “if you can’t get what you want, go for something better.” He was right and somehow it all worked out that way after all: the harder I worked, the luckier I got with the help of great mentors.

*Photo courtesy of Aurelius (Aury) Fernandez*

## New PDAA Officers, Board of Director Members Take Office

The PDAA Board of Directors in May elected a new president and secretary, and four new board members with terms that began June 1.

Replacing **Gene Nojek** as President is **Kathleen A. Brion**. Brion joined USIA in 1976 following overseas service as an exhibit guide in the Soviet Union. She served as Public Affairs Officer in Santiago, Chile and in Lisbon, Portugal, and in various assignments in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Cali, Colombia; Nicosia, Cyprus; and Athens, Greece. In Washington she served as Executive Assistant to the Counselor of USIA, Branch Chief for the Western Hemisphere Affairs International Visitor Program; as Program Officer with the President's Youth Exchange Initiative, and as Cultural Coordinator for the Office of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Brion retired from the State Department in December 2004 with the rank of Minister Counselor. Since her retirement, Brion has been an instructor in the School of Professional and Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute.

**Mary Ashley** has moved up from PDAA Board member to serve as the new Secretary, replacing Elinor Green Hunter. She joined the Board in September 2007.

Ashley retired in fall 2004 from the State Department where she was Director of the Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Following an earlier career in the Foreign Service, she rejoined USIA in 1983 as Program Officer for the Fulbright Exchange Programs in Eastern and Western Europe. She also served as a Program Officer with the American Speaker program on narcotics, terrorism and immigration.

Ashley first served with USIA in Washington and as ACAA Paris, until being forced to resign from the Foreign Service upon her marriage to FSO Fred Ashley. Ashley also was a faculty member at Thammasat University in Bangkok, a school director in Seoul, Korea, and a Program Development and Evaluation Officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington. Since her retirement, she has served as a consultant to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and a Board member of Share, Inc., a non-profit community service organization.

The four new Board members are:

- **Ambassador Linda Jewell** joined USIA in 1976 and served in Jakarta as Educational Exchanges Officer, in Mexico City as Program Development Officer and in Warsaw and New Delhi as Information Officer. In Washington, Jewell served as Central America Desk Officer, Deputy and then Area Director for American Republics. She went on to become DCM in Costa

Rica, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mexico and Canada and Ambassador to Ecuador. She retired from the State Department in September 2008 and is currently Vice President of the organization International Student Exchange Programs.

- **Lee Johnson** joined USIA in 1962 as a binational center (BNC) grantee in Brazil after serving in the Army and teaching at the American School in Guatemala City and at the BNC in Valencia, Spain. With the Agency he served as CAO in Tegucigalpa; as ACAA, and later CAO, in Madrid during the last years of the Franco regime; as Regional Resources Officer in London and as IO in Mexico City. In Washington, Johnson headed the Editorial Division in State's Bureau of Public Affairs, was Policy Officer in the Office of Latin American Affairs, and founded the Agency's drug unit. Johnson retired in 1991 and has since devoted himself to crafting fine wood furniture.

- **Joe O'Connell** joined USIA in 1970 following Peace Corps service in Colombia. As a Foreign Service Officer, he served in Brazil through 1975. In Washington, O'Connell was Desk Officer for Mexico and Central America, editor of the Portuguese edition of the Agency's old Horizons magazine, and Public Affairs Adviser in State's Bureau of Human Rights. During most of the 1980s, he was Acting Director of USIA's Office of Public Liaison, in 1989 becoming Director of Public Affairs at VOA, a position he held until his retirement in December 2007.

- **Dr. Michael Schneider** began his USIA career in 1962 with assignments in Calcutta and Dhaka. Schneider helped direct Agency global policy and information programs, served as senior adviser to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs and represented USIA on the National Security Council and the State Department Policy Planning Council. In the late 1980s, he organized a series of informational and exchange initiatives with the USSR. Schneider contributed to the evolution of U.S. public diplomacy through creation of a strategic planning process, and modernization of USIA information systems. He also led studies of the Fulbright exchange program, broadcasting, and an analysis of international educational outreach activities of the U.S. and other nations. Since retirement, Schneider has directed the Syracuse-Maxwell Washington, D.C. International Program for graduate and undergraduate students.

## PDAA Recognizes Outstanding Public Diplomacy Achievements

Public Diplomacy Alumni Association announced the recipients of its 2009 Award for Achievement in Public Diplomacy at its annual dinner on May 3. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the conduct of public diplomacy by deserving Foreign Service and Civil Service employees and Locally Engaged Staff of the Department of State overseas.

Nominated by senior embassy and State Department officials, the honorees this year were Ryan Rowlands, Public Affairs Officer, and Amy Storrow, Assistant Public Affairs Officer in Skopje, Macedonia; Tristram Perry, Assistant Information Officer for Broadcast Media in Jakarta, Indonesia; and Lori Brutton, George Clack and David Shelby of the State Department's Democracy Video Challenge Team.



Tristram Perry

Mr. Rowlands and Ms. Storrow were recognized for their initiative, creativity, perseverance and Macedonian and Albanian language skills in reaching out to Macedonian youth in a challenging environment. Through multi-cultural programming, youth camps, Fulbright exchanges, creative writing courses, media outreach and

alumni programs, they engaged a new generation of Macedonians in innovative and meaningful ways.

Mr. Perry was awarded for his innovative use of highly visible public diplomacy tools to advance U.S. interests in Indonesia to great effect. With uncommon energy and determination, he worked collaboratively with a wide range of actors in the media, government and the private sector to arrange for unprecedented media coverage for Secretary Clinton during her visit to Indonesia; to promote environmental education and collaboration; and to build new bridges to Indonesian youth.



IIP's Democracy Video Challenge Team: (L to R)  
David Shelby, Lori Brutton, and George Clack

The Democracy Video Challenge team in the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) was recognized for their imaginative use of new media technologies in guiding the State Department's efforts to engage young foreign audiences in a global dialogue about democracy through the trailblazing Democracy Video Challenge:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3bxwJc8nq8>

The 2009 PDAA Award winners were chosen from among twenty-two impressive nominations of Department of State Foreign and Civil Service employees in Washington and from every world region. The nominees included public diplomacy officers, a consul general, binational center and American Corner staff, foreign service national employees, training specialists, and Virtual Presence Post teams. Working with increasingly tight resources, the nominees brought creativity, perseverance, initiative and commitment to broadening America's dialogue with overseas publics through exchanges, innovative programming, new media technologies and personal engagement.



## PDAA Member Updates

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**Mike Canning**, former president of the USIA Alumni Association, and his wife Judy were honored April 29 at the annual awards dinner of the Capitol Hill Community Foundation for distinguished service to the Capitol Hill community.. With Food and Friends, the Cannings delivered meals to people homebound with HIV/AIDS for a decade. Both volunteered with the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) for many years: Judy was president of the CHAW Board and also served as acting Director while Mike co-founded “Films on the Hill,” which shows classic movies at the Workshop. Both have also been active with the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, where Mike has been Treasurer for the past five years. Both Cannings are founding Board members and active volunteers of Capitol Hill Village, a new non-profit entity that provides basic services and varied activities to people on the Hill to help them remain in their homes as they grow older.

**Stephen M. Carney**, before he joined USIA, served with an artillery battalion attached to Third Army 95th Infantry Division that helped liberate several French cities in 1944/45. Carney is one of the WWII U.S. soldiers awarded the Legion of Honor medal from a grateful French government, though in his case some years went by before the award came his way. The award ceremony, more than six decades after the liberation of France, took place June 27th aboard the French sailing ship *Belle Poule* during a visit to the Charleston, SC harbor. The presentation of the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur medal, France's highest award for civilians and soldiers, was made to Carney by the French Consul General for Southeast U.S., Phillippe Ardanaz. Steve retired from USIA in 1971. His Agency assignments included serving as PAO of the French Caribbean departments of Martinique and Guadeloupe; an assignment to Lyon, France; and Desk Officer for France when stationed in Washington. He maintained other contacts with France throughout his USIA career and in retirement. *(Contributed by Allen Hansen)*

**Bill Kiehl** will assume the duties of editor of the Internet journal *American Diplomacy* in August succeeding Ambassador (ret.) James Bullington. Dr. Kiehl is founding President and CEO of PD Worldwide International Consultants.

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### President's Note:

The PDAA Board is pleased to welcome newly enrolled members and to launch another program year with our longstanding PDAA colleagues. Ours is an association that distinguishes itself by its passion for and commitment to public diplomacy and its dedicated practitioners. As I begin service as your new president, I want to thank our outgoing president, Gene Nojek, for his steadfast leadership of the PDAA over the past four years. We look forward to hosting a series of stimulating luncheon speakers, continuing our efforts to recognize the achievements of PD professionals through our awards program, strengthening our voice by increasing our membership, and celebrating the camaraderie that marks our profession. Our thanks to all of you for your service, and your support.

- Kathy Brion

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**Yale Richmond** and **Bill Rugh** spoke at Boston College March 30 and 31. Rugh spoke on Public Diplomacy in the Middle East today, and Richmond spoke on U.S. Public Diplomacy in the Soviet Union during the Cold War. On April 22, Richmond addressed a Northwestern University class on “Russian Music in the Context of Russian Culture.” He reported that what the students wanted to know was what it was like to be an American diplomat in Moscow during the Cold War.

**Sol Schindler** reviewed the Dennis Ross, David Makovsky book *Myths, and Illusions and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East*” in the May 24 *Washington Times*.

## New on PublicDiplomacy.org ...

### Confidence in Obama Lifts U.S. Image Around the World

Pew Global Attitudes Project. Released 23 July 2009

The image of the United States has improved markedly in most parts of the world, reflecting global confidence in Barack Obama. In many countries opinions of the United States are now about as positive as they were at the beginning of the decade before George W. Bush took office. Improvements in the U.S. image have been most pronounced in Western Europe, where favorable ratings for both the nation and the American people have soared. But opinions of America have also become more positive in key countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, as well.

Signs of improvement in views of America are seen even in some predominantly Muslim countries that held overwhelmingly negative views of the United States in the Bush years. The most notable increase occurred in Indonesia, where people are well aware of Obama's family ties to the country and where favorable ratings of the U.S. nearly doubled this year. However for the most part, opinions of the U.S. among Muslims in the Middle East remain largely unfavorable, despite some positive movement in the numbers in Jordan and Egypt. Animosity toward the U.S., however, continues to run deep and unabated in Turkey, the Palestinian territories and Pakistan.

Israel stands out in the poll as the only public among the 25 surveyed where the current U.S. rating is lower than in past surveys.

In contrast, in Germany favorable opinion of the U.S. jumped from 31% in 2008 to 64% in the current survey. Large boosts in U.S. favorability ratings since last year are also recorded in Britain, Spain and France. In its own hemisphere, America's image rose markedly in Canada, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil. Improvements in U.S. ratings are less evident in countries where the country's image had not declined consistently during the Bush years, including Poland, Japan and South Korea. Opinions of the U.S. remain very positive in the African nations of Kenya and Nigeria, while increasing significantly in India and China.

The new survey by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project, conducted May 18 to June 16, finds that confidence in Barack Obama's foreign policy judgments stands behind a resurgent U.S. image in many countries. Belief that Obama will "do the right thing in world affairs" is now nearly universal in Western countries, where lack of confidence in President Bush had been almost as prevalent for much of his time in office. In France and Germany, no fewer than nine-in-

### Wanted: Member News, Tributes, Appreciations

*PDAA Today* now carries updates -- one to three paragraphs each -- on the activities of USIA or State Department PD alumni. Any submission should include the date you retired or left USIA or State.

We will also accept short articles on your activities that would be interest to the membership. Topics could include continued work in public diplomacy and related fields. Please continue to let us know about deaths in the USIA family. Articles of tribute and appreciation are welcome.

Please send your contributions by e-mail to Ed Scherr at: [edscherr@earthlink.net](mailto:edscherr@earthlink.net)

ten express confidence in the new American president, exceeding the ratings achieved by Nicolas Sarkozy and Angela Merkel in their own countries...

Countries and regions included in the survey:

- The Americas: United States, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico
- Europe: Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Poland, Russia
- Middle East: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian territories, Turkey
- Africa: Nigeria, Kenya
- Asia: Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, China, India

Results for the survey are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. All surveys are based on national samples except in Brazil, China, India, and Pakistan where the samples were disproportionately urban.

"Public Diplomacy by the Numbers"

<http://www.publicdiplomacy.org/92.htm>

## In Memoriam

- ◆ Robert D. Cross, 85, a retired USIA FSO, died February 2 of cardiopulmonary deficiency in Hemet, California. His postings included Germany, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. He retired in 1985. His surviving spouse, Raquel, also served overseas in The Hague and Bulgaria, until 1988.
- ◆ Frederic J. Gaynor, a former USIA FSO whose young face was seen in 1940s ads, holding a Daisy Red Ryder air rifle, died of cancer March 29 at his home in Sarasota, Florida. He was 73. After serving in the Army in France, he joined USIA. He had postings in ten African countries. Gaynor served in Vietnam with the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, an agency of the Commerce Department. He retired from federal service in 1999.
- ◆ Philip F. Gould, 83, a retired USIA FSO, died July 4 of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He lived in Charlottesville, Virginia. During WWII, he served three years in the Army Air Corps. Before joining USIA, he worked as a press and radio journalist in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. Gould worked 1954-59 as a news writer for Radio Free Europe in Munich, and in 1960 joined USIA. During his 31 years of government service, his posts included Calcutta, Tel Aviv, Moscow, the Hague and Rabat. After retiring in 1985, Gould published two books, the novel *Kitty Collins* (1986) and a collection of three novellas *The Eighth Continent: Tales of the Foreign Service* (1991), as well as numerous articles and short stories.
- ◆ Cliff Groce, former deputy program manager of the Voice of America and retired senior official of USIA's Worldnet Television and Press and Publications services, died April 14 at his home in Washington. He had Parkinson's disease and other ailments. He was 84. After serving in the Army (1943-46), Groce joined the Department of State in 1950, and soon became a special events trainee with VOA. As an editor, writer and broadcaster with VOA, he was a pioneer producer of Music USA, the jazz program hosted by the legendary Willis Conover. He also created Panorama USA, and co-produced Forum: A Meeting of the Minds. In 1961, Groce became deputy chief of VOA's Worldwide English Division and in 1968 was promoted to deputy program manager. He retired in 1986, but remained active as an Agency historian and conducted numerous oral history interviews with USIA and VOA retirees.
- ◆ William E. Hutchinson, 92, a retired Foreign Service Officer, died of bladder cancer June 20 at his home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Hutchinson was a news editor at the Honolulu Advertiser when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. During the war, he served with the OSS in India and later was part of MacArthur's staff in occupied Japan. He joined USIA in 1952 and served in Japan, Pakistan Libya, Hong Kong and Nigeria. He also served as the agency's inspector general. Hutchinson retired in 1973. In retirement, he wrote his memoirs and several papers on local history. He was a past president of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.
- ◆ W. Peter Janicki, 80, a social scientist who worked for USIA from 1964 until his retirement as a senior social adviser in 1988, died May 19 at his Bethesda home. He had Alzheimer's disease. He joined the agency as an analyst in USIA's research division, and later served in that division in senior management and analytical positions.
- ◆ Annette Karnow, 81, a world-traveling artist and former cultural attache, died of cancer and a stroke July 2 at her home in Potomac. Her first husband, Jack Andrew, a Foreign Service officer, died in Vietnam in 1955. She later married Stanley Karnow, a former Time magazine and Washington Post correspondent. She met her second husband while serving as a cultural affairs officer at the U.S. embassy in Paris.
- ◆ Donald J. Kent, 84, a former USIA FSO and a public affairs officer with the American Psychological Association from 1982 to 1987, died April 23 in Washington, DC of respiratory failure. From 1955 until 1979, Kent was a press and cultural officer whose postings included France and Zaire. He was awarded a Silver Star during his Army service in WWII. Kent was an accomplished pianist.
- ◆ Anne Covell Newton, the one-time editor of the USIA publication *The English Teaching Forum* – recognized as an authoritative resource for teachers of English as a second language, died at a nursing home in Castro Valley, California on January 26. Newton joined the Agency after teaching Spanish and Latin in California and English in the Philippines on a Fulbright Fellowship. While in Manila she also collaborated on a Tagalog-English dictionary. On the agency's Washington staff, Newton wrote and developed materials for teaching English as a foreign language. On her retirement in 1993, Newton received the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Recognition Award from TESOL International.



## In Memoriam (cont'd)

### John Hope Franklin Remembered

#### Hans Tuch

Among the many evocations of the life of John Hope Franklin after his recent death, I recall three days spent with Dr. Franklin in 1953, when the young professor, his wife, my wife and I traveled to several West German universities where he lectured and discussed race relations in the U.S. with German students and faculty. He spoke under the auspices of the U.S. Information Service in our efforts to depict U.S. society "as is" and thereby create an authentic picture of America in a developing democratic Germany. His honest, sometimes very critical, yet sympathetic treatment of this important subject brought about a better understanding for our society and served U.S. public diplomacy well.

On a personal level, the four of us became good friends and congenial travel companions. When I served in Brazil in the 1970s, I invited Dr. Franklin to Brasilia, again under USIS auspices, where he electrified members of the Brazilian legislature with his depiction of the current racial situation in the U.S. and his warning that Brazilian negation of their racial problems would haunt them for a long time.

- ◆ Yuri Olkhovsky, 79, a retired Soviet expert at George Washington University and a part-time VOA broadcaster, died of cancer June 7 at his home in Arlington, Virginia. In 1968, he founded a Soviet area studies program at GWU, conducted entirely in Russian, for Defense Department linguists. From 1964 to 1983, he worked part time as a broadcaster and writer for the Russian Service of Voice of America, and in 1983, he took a two-year leave from GWU to be deputy director of Radio Liberty in Munich.
- ◆ Edwin C. Pancoast, 83, a retired USIA FSO, died March 13 of complications from Parkinson's disease. He lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Pancoast joined the State Department in 1949 and was assigned to Germany under the U.S. High Commission as a resident officer in the state of Hesse. He later served in Bremen, Naples and Trieste. In 1961, he was transferred to USIA and later held public affairs assignments in Germany and Ghana. He also served as head of VOA's policy office and a senior policy officer for USIA programs before retiring in 1986. In retirement, he became an authority on the work of American portrait artist Edwin Tryon Billings, (a relative of his wife) and published a monograph, *Billings of Boston, Yankee Portrait Painter (1824-1893)*.
- ◆ Doris Rich, 88, widow of former USIA FSO Stanley Rich, died May 17 in Washington, DC. Rich lived for many years in Asia, where she was a Red Cross field assistant for the U.S. Army in Korea. From 1949 through 1967, she was a freelance journalist-photographer in Hong Kong before moving to Washington. At the age of 66, Rich embarked on her career as a biographer; her published books include one on Amelia Earhart. Her family described her as possibly the world's most determined crossword-puzzle solver and teller of stories.
- ◆ George Liston Seay, 68, a former USIA FSO and fundraising director at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, died May 12 at his home in Washington, DC. Seay joined the Wilson Center in 1976. Before that, he worked in Brazil for the Peace Corps and in Mexico for the Ford Foundation.
- ◆ Mary Jane Wick, widow of former USIA Director Charles Z. Wick and a longtime supporter and personal friend of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, died May 7 at her Los Angeles, California home. She was 84. A renowned hostess who made CEOs and world leaders feel comfortable in her home, Mary Jane Wick energetically raised funds for the many causes she championed. When the Wicks moved to Washington D.C. in 1981, she became a member of the Board of Trustees of Ford's Theater Society, served as Vice Chairman of the Board from 1985-1995, and was later named a Life Trustee.
- ◆ Marjorie A. Yahraes, 92, who worked for USIA for more than 20 years before retiring in 1976 as editor of *America Illustrated*, died May 2 at her home in Chevy Chase, Maryland of lymphoma. She wrote two books, *Glory Road: Pennsylvania Avenue Past and Present* (1986) and *To Create a Nation: The Constitutional Convention of 1787* (1987). Yahraes was a writer and editor for the U.S. military government in Berlin after World War II. She studied art at American University and had several one-person shows of acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings at Washington area galleries.

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