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RUTH (MECKLENBERG) CAVANAUGH

It was with great sorrow and shock that all of us in the AFICS (New York) office received the news of Ruth's sudden and unexpected death on the day before Thanksgiving.

Ruth had worked in our office for the past fifteen months, and we were very fortunate to have been able to enjoy that ready smile, warmth and capability which marked her approach to the post she held with us. It was thus a terrible and stunning blow for us, as well as her long-time friends and colleagues, including those retired, to learn of her untimely death.

Ruth started her international career with the International Refugee Organization, transferred to the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency, and joined WHO in 1958, where she was assistant in Public Information for many years. She later became assistant to the Director. After her retirement in 1983, she joined AFICS (New York).

We are sure that many will join us in mourning the passing of Ruth (Mecklenburg) Cavanaugh, and in extending sympathy to her husband, Jack, and her brother, Ralph Mecklenburg.



ABIGAIL MARY CLANCY

Abigail Clancy, who passed away on Sunday, 25 November 1984, had a long association with the United Nations, starting in 1948 in her own country of Australia, at the United Nations Information Centre, and later at Headquarters in New York as an Information Officer.

Abigail, better known as Abby, never ceased to work and support the UN even after retirement in 1963. A journalist, and a caring citizen of the world, she remained as a media person, a volunteer for UN work, and as a leader in community affairs.

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thing she knew she was in the jungle explaining simple safety precautions to a gathering of Guarani jungle diabetic Indians.

She also lectured last year at the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, in Washington, D.C. Despite the pain and fatigue of her own diabetes, as well as arthritis, she has continued her busy speaking engagements.

FINLAND

Kurt JANSSON continues to be active, at a very high level, in United Nations assistance work. He is now in Ethiopia, as the Secretary-General's appointee to head the emergency operations in Ethiopia directed against the widespread famine. He heads up an Operations Task Force that includes all organizations of the UN system that are struggling against starvation there.

FRANCE

John DITCHEBURN and his wife, Jean, who left New York more than a year ago and travelled widely in North America and Europe, have now settled in a vacation home that is "possibly our ultimate retirement home", in Grasse, on a hillside overlooking the Mediterranean.

The ninth meeting of retirees who reside in Provence, Côte d'Azur, was held on Saturday, 15 December 1984, and the warm, sunny weather which seemed to have been the norm since November just held out long enough for participants to finish their drinks out on the terrace of Paul and Anna BERTRAND's house in Fayence before going over to lunch at the Lou Pascouren Restaurant nearby. Sixty-six persons attended the get-together, and it was a great pleasure for all to be able to welcome Claude BOFFIAU back into the group after his spell in hospital.

+ Colonel H.A. TRIMBLE has resigned +
+ as Regional Correspondent, Florida +
+ (West), due in part to the fact that +
+ he will be absent from Florida dur- +
+ ing a long period in 1985. +
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+ The Bulletin, therefore, is look- +
+ ing for a replacement for Colonel +
+ Trimble. Anyone who feels he or +
+ she has the time, and the urge, for +
+ the work of conveying news to us +
+ from Florida (West), please let us +
+ know. We are anxious to have news +
+ from all regions where there are +
+ large numbers of members of AFICS +
+ (New York). +
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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Treasurer wishes to thank all members who sent the many generous contributions after the appeal by Mrs. Margaret Bruce. From October 1984 to the middle of January 1985, 40 of our members have sent the sum of \$1,300.00.

AFRICAN RELIEF OPERATIONS PLEASED BY UN SYSTEM RESPONSE

The newly appointed Director of the UN Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, Bradford MORSE, has said that the decision to establish the office had already brought about the "most extraordinary and complete collaboration between all elements of the UN."

The different parts of the UN system co-operating in the relief effort included UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR, UNDRO and the Agency that Mr. Morse administers, UNDP. He has reported that his office has started an urgent appraisal of the needs of 9 African countries in addition to Ethiopia. They are: Chad, Mali, Burkina Faso, Sudan, Angola, Mozambique, Mauritania, Niger and Kenya.