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Bob Heussler, new assistant director of the Vermont Council on World Affairs, locates on the map of Africa one of the many spots he visited on a flight with a Cinerama group which filmed some of the world's more spectacular scenery for a full length 3-D color film.

Former Bomber Pilot Joins Staff Of Vt. Council on World Affairs

can institutions and issues of public policy, international relations, international economics, and Far Eastern institutions. While at Princeton, he also studied the Russian language privately with a tutor and did specialized reading on the Soviet Union.

Following his Princeton studies, Heussler served for a time as an intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency before joining the Cinerama Production Corporation in 1952 as unit manager of a world flight to shoot 3-D color film for a movie which was to star John Wayne and Terry Moore.

Made All Arrangements

Heussler served as diplomatic representative for the world flight. "My job at the start involved making preliminary arrangements with the State Department in Washington and with the various ambassadors and Air Force attaches concerned," he explains. "Then, en route, I made final arrangements with our embassies and with foreign ministries and air ministries."

During most of the trip, which was made by chartered ex-Air Force bomber, Heussler traveled with Lowell Thomas Jr. and his wife. Heussler and Thomas were roommates at Dartmouth, and served together in the Air Force. Young Thomas was advance man for the flight, of which his father was president.

In the course of their world flight, Heussler and the 3-D crew traveled to Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba, the Caribbean, Argentina, French West Africa, Liberia, the Gold Coast, French Equatorial Africa, the Belgian Congo, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Ruanda-Urundi, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Egypt, Cyprus, Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Britain, Greenland and Iceland.

Hired Camels

Heussler got involved with camel-hiring when he went to Timbuktu as advance representative to survey the possibility of doing a camel caravan sequence. He flew into the Sahara regions of Mauritania to the French outpost of Bouilimit. Thanks to a previous delay in schedule in Brazil when the Cinerama plane had engine trouble, Heussler arrived at Bouilimit after the season during which salt caravans operate.

So, he explains, "I wound up making arrangements to stage the caravan." This involved meetings with French officials who took Heussler to meet with native

were delighted to be able to find work for their people in the off season," Heussler related, "because it raised their prestige with their people," and so the arrangements were completed.

Heussler hired 600 camels at 75 cents per camel per day and, three days later, the salt caravan was recorded on film.

The new assistant director for the Vermont Council on World Affairs also spent several weeks in British East Africa, "based most of that time in Kenya's capital city of Nairobi." In talks with officials of the local British administration, with armed forces leaders, native Kikuyu tribesmen, Indian residents and others regarding the Mau Mau insurrection, Heussler came to the general conclusion that the "situation is deteriorating," and he adds that many of the Britons he talked to privately admitted this.

He said that he regards his assignment with the Vermont Council on World Affairs as "much the most important," he has had, but adds that he considers himself fortunate in having had the chance to travel extensively in foreign countries.

Travel Through Vt.

His primary duties with the Council will be as a field representative to travel throughout the state to find out how the Vermont Council on World Affairs can help to promote international understanding.

A native of East Aurora, N.Y., Heussler is "fixing over" an old farm house in Moscow, Vt. He is single.

Both Heussler and Prof. Little, who was recently appointed executive director of the Council, stress that it is their aim to operate "through existing local agencies" rather than to try to "duplicate their efforts."

Right now, the Council, which is a strictly non-partisan, non-profit, service organization, is planning a series of fall community projects, outstanding of which will be observance of United Nations Day, Oct. 24.