

Tr-5: Trip to Austria for the World Exposition on the Origins of African Crops (Aug. 19 – 27, 1972)

All we have is Jack's Pocket Notebook for 1972 and he has under Saturday, August 19, 1971 "W-G starts" and under Sunday August 27, 1972 "W-G ends", then he rushes off to get going on his first car trip to Mexico. The exposition turned out a book, "Origins of African Plant Domestication" (Mouton Publishers, the Hague, Paris, 1976). It has 18 different papers with almost as many authors, including Desmond Clark. As per what actually happened at the exposition, one would have to read this book and try to piece things together. I sincerely doubt if anyone has ever read this book in its entirety, and it probably does not matter much if we know the details of the conference. As far as I know this book is the authority on the subject. A (8/25/2017) glance on the internet shows that quite a bit of work has been done since then on various African crops, but I saw no new publication on the subject of the origins of African crops, however. HVH2

Let's look again at his PN:

On Friday, Aug. 11, 1972 he has "get £ & T cks \$500 / get map photo labs (or /als, or something else.)" So, he is getting his money together for the trip: pounds and travelers checks worth \$500.

On Sat. Aug. 12, he writes, "Sue is tied up this weekend." It looks like he could have been changing planes near where Sue was staying. But where would that be in 1972? Atlanta? That's a hub for airline traffic.

On Sun. Aug. 13 he writes, "OZ 908      1:43 ar. 4:05  
PA 106      7:15 arr 7:20 London"

Now, it looks like he is arriving in London on Aug. 13 and it is 5 days before the W-G starts (on 8/19). Just below the W-G starts entry he has written: "10:10 BEA 7:00

ar 12:10 Vienna"

Now, let's try to figure out these airlines and flight numbers.

Checked online and cannot find any airline with abbreviation OZ and PA could be Pan American Airways,

So he arrived in London 5 days early. Did he go to the Kew for those 5 days, or did he tour Europe. He usually gives hints in his PN's, flight plans, hotel names, food expenses, but nothing on this one. So, we just don't know what he did during those mysterious 5 days.

And that is all we have from Harlan's notebooks and journals on Tr-3.