

of a Mediterranean climate. The proceedings of these symposia will furnish farmers and technical agriculturalists of other countries worthwhile information on reclamation, land settlement and soil and water conservation.

Interest was sustained throughout the convention. Israel and its farmer associations are to be commended for having done an excellent job as hosts. It was the consensus that such gatherings of farmers are worthwhile and justifies holding similar conventions in the future. Israel has shown a way for collaboration and understanding among farmers of the world in under-running the future with production of food and other good things necessary to a peaceful world.

A REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Fareed Haj is an Israeli Arab who has come to this country with the help of his government to pursue studies in the rehabilitation of the blind and other handicapped persons. Mr. Haj himself is blind. However, he has exhausted the scholarship funds available to him and has turned to us for financial aid in covering the tuition fees for his remaining year in this country. We have talked to him at some length about his plans, have looked over his course of studies and have been in touch with his supervisors, both Israeli and American. From these various impressions a picture emerges of an extremely able and dedicated person.

Fareed Haj is now listed as a speaker with our Club Program Service (he speaks English very well). We hope organizations receiving this announcement will be interested in scheduling him for a lecture at a modest fee. As he himself says, with his seeing eye dog he has "no difficulty at all in getting around." Perhaps, if you do not happen to be an organization, a small contribution will not be beyond your means. Checks should be made payable to Fareed Haj, c/o ACPC.

We don't usually reproduce biographies of our speakers in the Newsletter. An exception is being made in this case; here is Mr. Haj's own account of his life:

"I am an Arab from Israel. I was born in Haifa in 1935. As a child I lost my sight totally at the age of nine months. At six I went to an institution for the blind where I remained for seven years and where I learned typing Braille and other things considered important for a normal life. After that I returned to my home town and entered a regular high school where I took my high school examinations a year before my time.

"In the same year (1954) I entered the Hebrew University where I finished my B.A. studies in two years, which is the minimum time allowed. I graduated in Philosophy and English. For the next two years I worked on a committee and later a society which I formed with the purpose of raising funds to help needy Arab students who had more talent than money. In those same two years I was studying Education to prepare myself to teach at regular high schools. While studying for my B.A. at the Hebrew University, I also took another B.A. degree from London University which I re-