

Southeast Asia Report

Napier Shelton, of WASO science and technology publications, was an NPS observer last October at a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Na-

tions (ASEAN)-U.S. Business Council in Singapore. Shelton and the meeting's co-chairman, William E. Franklin of Weyerhaeuser (Far East) Ltd., opened discussion on the U.S. government's concern for tropical forests. Shelton distributed copies of a recent interagency report to the President, "The World's Tropical Forests: a Policy, Strategy and Program for the U.S.," plus the recommendations from the March 1980 UNEP meeting on tropical forests in Nairobi. Franklin expressed willingness from the U.S. side of the Council to provide technology for reforestation in ASEAN countries — an offer warmly received.

Shelton also met with Dr. Francis Ng, acting deputy director for research of the Malaysian Forest Research Institute near Kuala Lumpur, visited two plantations near Malacca (oil palm, rubber, and cocoa), and talked with Dr. Boonsong Lekagul, the 80-year-old "father of conservation" in Thailand. A detailed trip report, made by Shelton to the NPS directorate, can be had by writing the author at the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.