



*New kiosk at the Arboretum is more brightly hued than the passing peacock. Staffer Chris Van Wagner reads the notices on one of the four information panels.*

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*Dr. Harry Walker*

## *Retirement*

HAVING REACHED the mandatory retirement age, Dr. Harry Walker, entomologist in the Department's research division, bid an official farewell to nearly a hundred staff members and wives attending a dinner party in his honor last January 27. Dr. Walker came to the Arboretum in 1966 following his

return from a mission in Cyprus where he served as a consultant for the United Nations to underdeveloped countries. Altogether, he was with the U.N. for ten years, traveling around the world working largely on weed and pest control. At the Arboretum his work has been primarily concerned with the collection of aphid species among the various woody plants on the grounds. In the course of this work several new species of aphids were found and lists of host plants infested with various aphid species have been published in scientific journals and are available to the home gardener.

Although he has officially left the Department, Dr. Walker has been coming to his office almost daily to finish up a project he considers may well prove to be of greater practical use than anything he has done. From pages of hand-written notes he is assembling lists of Arboretum plants according to their relative degree of aphid infestation under the headings Heavy, Moderate, Light, and No Infestation. His initial findings show the plants under Heavy and No Infestation to be about equal in number. Those under Moderate and Light are in the same ratio but total about 50% less.





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