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On July 27, 1965, Dr. White and Vice Admiral Karo took their official oath of office in ceremonies conducted at the Department of Commerce by Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor. Certificates of appointment were presented on behalf of President Johnson. Shown from left to right: Secretary Connor; Dr. White; Admiral Karo; Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology.

SCHEDULE ON DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2-B. Department Order No. 2-A established an interim organization for the Environmental Science Services Administration while requiring that within ninety days a Department Order, No. 2-B, be issued prescribing the basic organization structure of the Administration. The task forces which are working on organizational planning are attempting to meet the following schedule: Task Groups will report in mid-August and a review and analysis of key issues will then be made.

The Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and Commerce's Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology will review the proposed structure, functions, key personnel assignments, resource requirements by the end of August. Final ESSA policy review by the Administrator and Deputy Administrator is due by mid-September and a draft of Department Order No. 2-B will be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology and the Assistant Secretary for Administration for coordination and approval. The new Department Order, No. 2-B, will become effective in October. Certain organizational components may be formed on an interim basis prior to an issuance of Department Order No. 2-B to speed the process of transition.

ADMINISTRATOR VISITS BOULDER. On July 25-26, Dr. White visited the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory at Boulder, Colorado, where he addressed a CRPL staff meeting, heard brief review of the CRPL's four technical divisions, and visited some of the Laboratory's research facilities. Dr. White, accompanied by Theodore P. Gleiter of the Office of the Administrator, then went on to meet with leaders of other National Bureau of Standards activities at Boulder. Admiral Karo, ESSA's Deputy Administrator, made a similar visit to Boulder last June 28-29.

Dr. White was extremely enthusiastic about the breadth and scope of the research capabilities, the broad range of scientific talent, and the scientific atmosphere that prevails at Boulder.

Together with Dr. C. Gordon Little, Director of CRPL and task leader for environmental research activities, Dr. White discussed CRPL-ESSA relationships. Over a long period of time it is expected that the ESSA research programs will be enlarged at Boulder. Recommendations on additional research activities to be undertaken at Boulder are being formulated by the task teams under Dr. Little.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR ESSA EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. In order to acquire and maintain a first-rate staff of personnel skilled in the professional, technical, managerial, and administrative disciplines necessary to its mission, the ESSA has taken steps to develop an education and training program. Already at work on the formulation of such a program is a committee chaired by Dr. Frederick W. Brown (WB) with Albert V. Carlin (WB), Paul F. Murphy (C&GS), Comdr. Hal P. Demuth (C&GS), and Dr. Floyd Taylor (CRPL). Utilizing educational and training resources both within and outside of the ESSA, the program's major objectives will be to ensure that to the maximum extent possible (a) there exists a reservoir of people for recruitment, skilled in pertinent disciplines; (b) original abilities of an individual in a discipline are not lost over the years; and (c) new skills and techniques are acquired as needed.

WASHINGTON ESSA FACILITIES TO BEGIN RELOCATION. A number of Weather Bureau and Coast and Geodetic Survey facilities in the Washington, D.C., area are preparing to move to new locations in August as ESSA consolidation plans move ahead. In addition to the moves reported in the last ESSA News, the following units are scheduled to relocate: On August 2, the C&GS Administrative Services Division, Payroll, Finance, and Management units will move to Building 5 at the Washington Science Center (WSC). On August 3, the C&GS Personnel Division, officer personnel, Scientific and Technical Publications, International Technical Cooperation, and International Activities units will move to Building 5, WSC. Scheduled to move to Building 5, WSC, on August 4 are the C&GS Public Information, Internal Audit, Resources Programming, and Program Planning Units.

On August 6, the C&GS Nautical Charts and Distribution units move from the Commerce Building to Building 1, WSC; the C&GS Radio Facility Charts Branch moves from the Inter Ocean Building to the Commerce Building; and the C&GS Aeronautical Charts (balance) unit moves from the Inter Ocean Building to Building 5, WSC.

Moving to Building 5, WSC, on the weekend of August 13 will be the ESSA Administrator, supporting staff, and administrative support activities (from 2400 M Street); the Deputy Administrator and supporting staff (from Building 1, WSC); and the WB Personnel Division's training activities (from 4880 MacArthur Blvd.).

Closing out relocating activities for the month will be the WB Office of Meteorological Research and Data Acquisition Division move from the Longfellow Building to 2400 M Street on August 27.

JOINT ESSA ACTIVITIES IN KANSAS CITY. All the collocating of companion activities and the sharing of resources by the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Weather Bureau in ESSA are not restricted to the Washington, D.C., area these days. The Regional warehouses of the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey in Kansas City have recently been collocated. In addition, the two organizations are sharing the same paint and wood shop facilities at that location.

Consideration is also being given to additional joint activities by the two organizational components in Kansas City under the leadership of Roy L. Fox, Regional Director (WB) and Captain Edward B. Brown, Regional Officer (C&GS).

CREDIT UNION AT ESSA HEADQUARTERS. The Department of Commerce Credit Union has a sub-office at the Washington Science Center in Building No. 1, Room 423, which will be available to all employees at the Center.

CRPL LIAISON OFFICE AT ESSA HEADQUARTERS. On July 20, the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory established a liaison office at the headquarters of ESSA to aid in the planning of ESSA. In charge of the office is Alan H. Shapley from the CRPL's Boulder Laboratory, assisted by Ronald B. Johnson, on loan to the CRPL from the National Bureau of Standards' Washington laboratories. Other senior CRPL personnel will come to Washington for specific task force assignments.



Vice Admiral H. Arnold Karo

Deputy Administrator

Environmental Science
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Admiral Karo has been Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey from 1955 until its consolidation into the Environmental Science Services Administration this year. He has been in the service since his commission as an ensign in the Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1923. From 1923 to 1950 he served on and commanded some of the largest ships of the C&GS, surveying waters around Alaska and the Gulf Coasts and in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Caribbean.

Admiral Karo's Coast and Geodetic Survey service was interrupted during World War II when he transferred to the Air Force from 1942 to 1945. During this time he held posts in the Directorate, Photography, Maps, Charts (1942), and as Commanding Officer, Air Force Aeronautical Chart Plant (1943-1945).

Returning to the C&GS after the war, he served as Chief of the Survey's Chart Division from 1951 until he became Director in 1955.

Born in Lyons, Nebraska, in 1903, Admiral Karo graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1923 with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces which he attended in 1954-1955. He holds an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and is a member of the Sigma Xi and Sigma Tau fraternities.

Among his professional affiliations Admiral Karo lists membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Geophysical Union, the American Society of Photogrammetry, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the Society of American Military Engineers. A member of the Explorer's Club and the Cosmos Club (in Washington, D.C.), he is also a Registered Professional Engineer in the District of Columbia.

The father of two sons and a daughter, Admiral Karo lives with his wife Elsie in Bethesda, Maryland.

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