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LBJ ASKS FOR IMPROVED WORLD WEATHER PLAN

Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor released on Monday the proposals made by a Federal Interagency Committee for International Meteorological Programs for United States participation in a worldwide weather system. President Johnson, in a statement issued on World Meteorological Day, March 23, revealed that the committee had proposed an international meteorological program extending into the next decade. He asked Secretary Connor, Dr. Donald Hornig, his science advisor, and Charles Schultze, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, to study the proposals and recommend a plan of action for the Nation.

The President, reviewing a pledge of United States' collaboration with other nations in a global weather system toward "a goal beneficial to all mankind," said the United States' effort will continue to be coordinated by ESSA. Members of the Federal Interagency Committee include Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology J. Herbert Hollomon, chairman, and Administrator Dr. Robert M. White.

ITSA WEATHER EYES SUNSPOT

The Telecommunication Disturbance Center of the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and Aeronomy at Fort Belvoir, Va., is closely following a sunspot, the largest in five years, now travelling across the sun's surface. Using solar data from the U. S. Naval Observatory and international sources, ITSA scientists chart sunspot growth and activity, solar flares, and other effects which may be associated with geomagnetic disturbances. ITSA regularly issues forecasts of solar activity and alerts communications officials when ionospheric disturbances threaten radio communications. The Space Disturbance Laboratory at Boulder, Colo., issues general forecasts of solar activity.

NEW PAY OKAYED

The Civil Service Commission recently approved higher minimum salary entrance rates for scientists and engineers at the GS-7 and GS-9 levels effective June 1. Present and new rates are:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>New</u>
GS-7	\$7,304 to \$9,167	\$7,511 to \$9,374
GS-9	7,987 to 10,273	8,241 to 10,527

JOB INTERVIEWS SLATED

A Personnel Division representative will be at the Gramax Building Saturdays April 30 through May 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for employment interviews. Starting this week, interview appointments may be made in Room 219, Building 5. ESSAites knowing of potential employees should have them call Mrs. Edna Leimbach, 496-8373, for a Saturday appointment.

NEW REGS AFFECT SUMMER JOBS

The summer hiring of student-assistant high school graduates and undergraduate college students is affected by the following new regulations from the Civil Service Commission:

- For appointments in the field and Washington to positions GS-1 through 4, selection must be made from lists of students who passed a nationwide exam given late January (See ESSA News, Dec. 15, 1965).

- Employment of children of Commerce employees is prohibited within ESSA or elsewhere in the Department.

- For appointments in the Washington area only, preference must be given to students with a legal residence other than the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Separate lists of eligibles will not be established in the various physical science fields.

Students who wish consideration for ESSA employment in Washington should file applications with the Summer Employment Coordinator, Department of Commerce, not later than April 15. For field employment, applications should be filed with the field headquarters servicing their interest area. Because of these new procedures, ESSA cannot be committed to employ a student until certification of his name is received in accordance with CSC's regulations. These appointment procedures do not affect employment of graduate students and faculty members.

WMO CHALKS UP 15TH YEAR

The 127 member nations of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) -- a specialized agency of the United Nations -- observed World Meteorological Day on March 23, honoring the organization's 15th anniversary. Commenting on the occasion, Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator, said: "Only by means of worldwide international effort can the nature of the atmosphere be understood and its future behavior predicted. This year WMO nations are planning a revolutionary new weather observing and forecasting system, called the World Weather Watch, which will use satellites, computers, and other products of modern technology to improve weather services throughout the world."

FROM SANDSTORMS TO FOG

The appointment of Reino Kangas as Director of the Seismological Observatory at Adak, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, was announced Monday by the C&GS. The observatory is part of a worldwide chain operated by C&GS and the Adak facility will serve as a vital link in the Alaskan Seismic Sea Wave Warning System. It will provide a substantial contribution to a similar system which covers the Pacific Ocean. Geophysicist Kangas formerly was assigned to the Albuquerque, N.M., Seismological Center.

WANTED--NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

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MOVING BILL LOOKS GOOD

A relocation allowance bill for Federal employees designed to reimburse Federal workers for all expenses involved in transferring from one area to another was before the House of Representatives last week. If the bill passes the House, it will be sent to the Senate Government Operations Committee for public hearings. At present the bill calls for:



- An increase in the maximum expenses for transportation, packing, crating, temporary storage, etc., of household goods and personal effects from 7,000 to 11,000 pounds for married employees.
- Per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence of employee and spouse and expenses of transportation to seek permanent residence quarters within the continental United States, excluding Alaska; payment would cover one round trip by employee

and spouse.

- Subsistence allowance for 30 days, which can be extended for another 30 days while occupying temporary quarters.
- Expense of sale of residence (or settlement of unexpired lease) of employee at the old official station and purchase of new home.
- Payment to married employees of two weeks compensation and to single employees of one week's pay to cover miscellaneous moving expenses.
- Permanent storage of household goods and personal effects when assignment is to an isolated area and residence quarters are not available.
- Extension of these benefits to employees separated by reduction in force or transfer of function who are re-employed within one year of separation at a different geographical location.
- Employees eligible for these benefits would have to state, in writing, that they will remain in Federal service for at least 12 months following a transfer.

LIBRARY SHELVES MOVE TO GRAMAX

The upcoming move of the Weather Bureau's library to the Gramax Building will cause some delays in service. Move of the 155,000-volume collection will be made as efficiently as possible with minimum interference to service. Early in April, book removal will begin and those that have been removed will not be available for loan until shelved in the new location. Washington area users are requested to hold material on loan between April 11 and May 16. Interlibrary loans will not be made between the latter dates. Suspension of reference service, of material needed for retention in offices, and new reading room display material should be brief, depending upon the proposed transfer date of May 14. Library service should be fully restored by late June.

VETERAN OFFICER GETS NEW TITLE

Captain Don A. Jones, a veteran sea officer, was named Associate Director of the C&GS's Office of Hydrography and Oceanography. The appointment, which became effective today, was announced last Tuesday by C&GS Director Rear Admiral James C. Tison Jr. Captain Jones joined the C&GS in 1933 as a civilian when he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in civil engineering; he received his commission in 1940. He has since received seven commendations for outstanding performance from the C&GS, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, and the Department of Commerce. Captain Jones is a member of the American Geophysical Union, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

NEW EARTHQUAKE STUDY UNDER WAY

Dr. Leroy Alldredge, Director of the ESSA Institute for Earth Sciences, IER, has announced that Federal funds amounting to almost \$98,000 have been made available to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden to finance a program which may lead to better understanding of causes of earthquakes. The Derby area of Denver will become one of the most extensively instrumented earthquake zones in the Western Hemisphere. A new type of strain seismometers, developed by CSM's Department of Geophysics, under an earlier grant from C&GS, will be used in the project. Five of the giant instruments will be installed in Colorado and three in California. Output from the Californian strainmeters will be telemetered, along with the outputs from a variety of other sensors, to ESSA's Earth Mechanisms Laboratory in San Francisco. The unmanned underground observatory in Derby will be linked by telephone lines to CSM's Geophysics Department where findings will be recorded by telemetry.

ANNAPOLIS HARBOR SURVEY COMPLETED

A nautical chart showing the results of the first complete hydrographic survey in 30 years of Annapolis Harbor, Md., and its vicinity was issued by the C&GS last week. The chart incorporates changes found by the U.S. C&GS S Whiting and a hydrographic field party when the area was surveyed last year. The chart, No. 385, is the ninth edition of the one first printed in 1899 and provides the navigational details needed to cross the crowded waters in and around the harbor.

TOP JOB FOR RIGHT MAN

The position of Assistant Secretary-General, the senior technical post in the WMO Secretariat, is available for an experienced meteorologist with high scientific qualifications. Also required is long experience in theoretical and practical meteorology and in organizing meteorological programs. Qualified personnel with a working knowledge of French should apply to the Secretary-General, WMO, 41 Avenue Giuseppe-Motta, Geneva, Switzerland. Initial salary \$14,800 a year plus allowances. For details see Vacancy Announcement WMO-308 or contact your Personnel Office.

'WHAT'S IN A NAME...'



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