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SENATE CONFIRMS NEW ESSA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Senate confirmed on Oct. 14 President Johnson's nomination of Dr. Werner A. Baum as Deputy Administrator of ESSA. Dr. Baum will succeed Vice Admiral H. Arnold Karo who will retire on January 1, 1967 (ESSA NEWS, No. 35, Sept. 19).

THE BEST YET

Operational control of the ESSA 3 satellite was taken over from NASA on Oct. 14 by the National Environmental Satellite Center, Suitland, Md. The center now receives all engineering and weather data from ESSA 3 and issues commands to the spacecraft through ESSA's Command and Data Acquisition Stations at Gilmore Creek, Alaska, and Wallops Station, Va. Officials at NESC say ESSA 3's "...the best we've ever had." So far, it already has discovered two tropical storms -- Judith and Kendra. Photos taken by ESSA 3's two Advanced Vidicon Camera Systems (AVCS) have greater detail than those transmitted by previous operational satellites. The AVCS camera system has been tested in two NIMBUS research and development satellites.

LEAVE SYSTEM TO BE LEFT AS IS

No legislative changes in the Federal Leave System will be proposed at this time. Instead, the Civil Service Commission will direct its efforts toward improving administration of the present system. A number of variations have been proposed in the present system, but after each proposal was carefully analyzed and weighed, no one plan offered enough clear-cut advantages to either the Government or employees to warrant CSC's recommending a change from the present system. During intensive study of the question, CSC consulted with leaders of employee organizations, directors of personnel, key staff members of Government agencies and the Federal Executive Boards in large centers of Federal employment. A cross-section of views among employees was received through hundreds of letters directed to the Commission

TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS MEET

Dwight L. Greene, the Director of the Management Information Center, presented ESSA's Project Planning and Reporting System early this month, to top management representatives from a number of Government agencies including the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Defense, Commerce, Corps of Engineers, CIA, Coast Guard and Post Office. The presentation was made in connection with an interagency training course conducted by the Civil Service Commission in cooperation with B-R Data Systems, Inc. The 3-day course was designed to provide instruction in the basics of information technology with special emphasis on how information technology is applied to the development and maintenance of a Planning-- Programming Budgeting System (PPBS). ESSA is among the leaders in the use of modern information technology to develop a PPB System design. Based on the progress of the ESSA Project Planning and Reporting System, the Civil Service Commission has asked ESSA to participate in future PPBS Training Courses.

CANADA AIDS SEA WAVE WARNING

The Canadian Hydrographic Service has equipped a tide station at Tofino, Canada, with a device to digitize the height of water and an arrangement for furnishing resulting data by classified telephone directly to the Honolulu Center. In the event of a tsunami, quicker response will be made by the Canadian tide gauge than is now obtained through communication channels used in accordance with the present communications plan.

D.C. TAX BITE GREATER

Due to a recent change in the District of Columbia withholding tax rates, residents of the District will notice an increase of around 25 per cent in their tax deductions in the near future.

ROLLINS NAMED TO NEW POST

The appointment of Robert B. Rollins as Deputy Director, Executive and Technical Services Staff, was announced last week by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. A career employee, Rollins formerly served as administrative officer for Executive and Technical Services. He will assist the Staff Director in managing the activities of some 200 personnel engaged in providing technical and administrative services to all components of the C&GS.

'WEATHER BY NUMBERS'

From the end of October through April 1967, the National Educational Television Network will be broadcasting a series of eight half-hour scientific programs, "Experiment," in cities from coast to coast. One of the programs, "Weather by Numbers," features the work of ESSA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) under the direction of Dr. Joseph Smagorinsky. It was filmed on location at the GFDL in Washington. Consult your local newspaper for time and station.

FIVE FROM MEXICO VISIT EDS

Five engineers from the Hydrologic Commission of the Valley of Mexico Watershed (of the Mexican Federal Ministry of Water Resources) visited the Environmental Data Service headquarters last week. The delegation came to the United States to study the application and use of electronic computers in the processing of climatological data, and for problems in water supply and river forecasting. The visitors were: Fernando del Rio; Enrique Santoyo; Eduardo Cravioto; Fernando Garcia and Leonardo Palomino. The group plans to visit the National Weather Records Center in Asheville, N.C., and the Weather Bureau's Regional Office and River Forecast Center in Fort Worth, Tex.

HEALTH RATES HIGHER

Increased premium rates will go into effect January 1, 1967, by 30 of the plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program. The increases are caused by improved benefits and higher cost of hospitalization and medical care. Gains in benefits for mental health care will be offered by 27 of the participating plans. An unlimited open season, during which eligible unenrolled employees may enroll in a plan and enrolled employees and annuitants may change plans, options, or type of enrollment, has been scheduled for Nov. 14-30. Before the open season, employees and annuitants will receive new brochures showing benefits and premiums for the various plans. The Civil Service Commission points out that some annuitants who have subscribed for high options and who have full Medicare protection for themselves and their spouses may want to consider changing to the less expensive low options which generally will supplement Medicare adequately.

WB PILOT ASSISTS LOST AIRCRAFT

A student pilot on a round-robin flight from Fairbanks to Tanana, Alaska, radioed the Tanana Flight Service Station and reported that he was lost. The facility chief asked the pilot to report weather conditions and describe prominent landmarks. He then estimated the probably position of the aircraft and gave the lost pilot radio navigation instructions and a station heading. Weather Bureau pilot John Kuhn, who was visiting Tanana, took-off in his Twin Commanche and rendezvoused with the lost pilot a few minutes from the Tanana Airport.

SWELL SERVICES PART OF LA DISPLAY

The WB's Western Region's Los Angeles WBAS received a trophy in recognition for the excellence of a special display showing WB programs at the two-day Torrance Airport celebration last month. Some 30,000 visitors saw displays featuring aviation services, ex-amples of public forecasts, marine bulletins, fire weather, and sea-surf and swell services. Demonstrations in the use of APT photos also were featured.

'WEATHER DIGITAL GRAPHICS'

A 10-minute color-sound film entitled "Weather Digital Graphics" highlighting techniques used in converting computer generated weather data has been produced for the Weather Bureau. The original silent version was presented to the World Meteorological Organization last spring by Dr. George P. Cressman, WB's Director. The movie was written and directed by G. Stanley Doore, chief, Presentation and Display Branch of WB's Communications Division. Copies have been distributed to WB regional offices.



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