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OCEANOGRAPHER REACHES FIRST PORT

The USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER reached Plymouth, England--the first scheduled port on its global scientific expedition--on Apr. 19. After spending five days gathering data over the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an undersea mountain range, the OCEANOGRAPHER had departed from her planned course and proceeded to the Azores, where Survey Technician Clifford W. Milligan, Jr., was taken to the Air Base hospital for emergency surgery.

PICTURES RECEIVED FROM NEW SOVIET SATELLITE

On Apr. 30, at 9 p.m. EST, the National Environmental Satellite Center began receiving pictures from the Cosmos 156 weather satellite. Pictures taken by the new Soviet spacecraft, launched Apr. 27, are transmitted from Moscow to Suitland on the special link which connects the two World Meteorological Centers.



Acting Secretary Trowbridge enthusiastically supports the Share in Freedom Savings Bonds Campaign by signing up for Freedom Shares in the presence of the Department's March for Freedom Campaign representative, Miss Jo Ann Smeltzer, of the Office of Personnel.

WB TEAMS STUDY MIDWEST TORNADO DISASTER

WB Associate Director Karl R. Johannessen and a team from Central Region Headquarters were dispatched to the Chicago area on Apr. 22, the day after 47 tornadoes struck the Midwest, to survey watch-warning dissemination and other actions taken by Weather Bureau stations. (Forty-two of the twisters occurred within areas for which tornado watches had been issued by the National Severe Storms Forecast Center.) Members of the Central Region team were Charles Woffinden, H. D. Anderson, Howard Martin, and Norman Prosser. Paul Kutschenreuter, Director of User Affairs; Sumner Barton, WB Public Information Officer; and Arthur H. Hosick, Regional User Services Representative, visited the area later to investigate the effectiveness of the Bureau's warning system.

SECOND VOLUME ON ALASKA 'QUAKE DUE

The Coast and Geodetic Survey's volume II-A of The Prince William Sound, Alaska, Earthquake of 1964 and Aftershocks, Research Studies: Engineering Seismology is scheduled for release June 6.

SHAPLEY IS ITSA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Alan H. Shapley has been appointed Assistant Director of ITSA for Program Planning. Working with the laboratory directors, Mr. Shapley will be responsible for program planning and for coordinating specific interlaboratory programs, such as the ITSA Antarctic program.

WMO CONGRESS NAMES OFFICERS

The Fifth Congress of the World Meteorological Organization, which met from Apr. 3-28 in Geneva, reelected Dr. Alf E. Nyberg of Sweden as WMO President and reappointed Dr. D. A. Davies as the Organization's Secretary-General. Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, was elected to the Executive Committee by acclamation.

USES OF SPACE DISCUSSED IN DALLAS

Four ESSA scientists addressed the American Astronautical Society's Dallas meeting, May 1-3, whose theme was "Commercial Utilization of Space." ITSA Director Dr. C. Gordon Little spoke on "Propagation Limitations to Earth-Space Communications." Dr. William O. Davis, of Science and Engineering, and Dr. Joachim Kuettner, chief space scientist at NESAC, gave a joint paper on "Environmental Prediction Using Orbital Sensors." "Meteorological Satellites and the World Weather Watch" was the subject of a paper presented by Dr. Clifford A. Spohn of NESAC.

NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY ESSA MEN

Lester F. Hubert and Paul E. Lehr are the authors of a new book, "Weather Satellites," published by Blaisdell Publishing Company, Waltham, Mass. Mr. Hubert is chief of the Synoptic Meteorology Branch of the Meteorological Satellite Laboratory, NESL, and Mr. Lehr is a meteorologist in NESL's Planning and Coordination Group.

TRANSATLANTIC CIRCUIT SPEEDS DATA EXCHANGE

The low-speed New York-Offenbach weather teletypewriter circuit was replaced May 1 by a channel that will move weather data between the two continents 10 times faster. Since the new channel can also accommodate facsimile products, the New York radio-facsimile broadcast to Europe will be discontinued on July 1.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

The Honolulu Observatory at Ewa Beach, Oahu, has been transferred from the jurisdiction of C&GS' Office of Seismology and Geomagnetism to that of the Pacific Field Director.

NELSON CHAIRS OBSERVATORY BOARD

James H. Nelson, chief of C&GS' Geomagnetism Division, has been elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Advisory Board of the Russell Varian-Castle Rock Magnetic Observatory at Palo Alto, Calif. The Advisory Board includes representatives of Federal agencies, educational institutions, the California Academy of Science, and the Varian Foundation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO VISIT BOULDER

The joint National Academy of Sciences/ National Academy of Engineering Advisory Committee to ESSA will visit Boulder, May 5-6, to review IER programs.

MIAMI BEACH SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

Top authorities on upper-atmosphere research and operations will gather in Miami Beach, May 31-June 2, to review the present state of knowledge about the high atmosphere. The "Symposium on Meteorological Investigations Above 70 Kilometers" is sponsored by the American Meteorological Society's Committee on Atmospheric Problems of Aerospace Vehicles. ESSA participants include program chairman Sidney Teweles, banquet speaker George S. Benton, session chairman Robert W. Knecht, panel moderator Adam Kochanski, and panel member E. K. Smith. The program and arrangements committees include R.S. Quiroz, James Giraytys, H. M. Woolf, and H. F. Hawkins of ESSA. Details of the meeting appeared in the March AMS Bulletin.

AQUI SE HABLA ESPANOL

ESSA officials have been appearing frequently on radio and television, but a recent broadcast by two WB men in San Antonio deserves special mention. Ed DiLoreto, meteorologist in charge, and Rod Gonzales, his principal assistant, took part in a one-hour program broadcast by KUKA, a Spanish-language station. For the first half-hour, they discussed severe weather and flooding. During the second half of the program, they answered questions telephoned by listeners.

THE WELCOME MAT

C&GS' Mid-Continent Field Area welcomes Jay C. Olivier, James R. Loftin, and Herbert B. Forehand. Ernest E. Sauve is a new WB employee, stationed at Milwaukee, Wisc.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due in May to the following people in the WB Central Region. 25 years - Robert C. Mangan, Denver; Rhudolph Burkett, Des Moines; Sylvester R. Ullsperger, Green Bay, Wisc.; John E. Michener, Kansas City; Robert Greene, South Bend; Eugene A. Majewski, South Bend; Ervin A. Wesley, South Bend; and Gordon E. Brokaw, Topeka. 20 years - M. Eleanor Sanford, Kansas City.

Aboard the DISCOVERER, service awards were presented Apr. 25 to Captain William F. Deane, 35 years; and Wallace G. Monsees, 25 years.

At the National Weather Records Center, the following employees are eligible for service awards during the second quarter of 1967. 25 years - John S. Arnett, Barbara H. Carson, Earl S. Gray, Catherine A. Henry, Hugo V. Lehrer, and Gayle C. Tompkins. 20 years - Arles O. Brown and Myrtle A. Lamm.

The following WB Southern Region employees are eligible for length-of-service awards in May. 30 years - William Y. Cobb, Jr., Shreveport. 25 years - Wilburn K. Cobb, Huntsville; Charles T. Watson, Knoxville; Charles H. Carpenter, Macon; Rufus O. Crosby, Montgomery; and Alvis C. Webb, San Antonio. 20 years - Ella A. Gressett, Fort Worth.

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