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SIMPLICIO TO DIRECT WB EASTERN REGION

WB Director George P. Cressman yesterday announced the appointment of Silvio G. Simplicio as director of the Bureau's Eastern Region. Eastern Region headquarters, located at Garden City, New York, has operational and administrative supervision over WB facilities in 16 eastern states and the District of Columbia. Mr. Simplicio had been chief of the Eastern Region Scientific Services Division. He has been with the WB since 1946, and in 1960 won the Department of Commerce Silver Medal.

ESSA 5 PASSES SYSTEMS CHECK

ESSA 5 was turned over to the Environmental Science Services Administration on May 8, after 18 days of checkout by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. NASA reports that all systems are functioning normally, and the quality of cloud-cover pictures is exceptionally good.

BUOY CONTRACT GOES TO CAPE COD FIRM

ESSA has announced the award of a \$97,617 contract to Ocean Research Equipment Inc., of Falmouth, Mass., for design and fabrication of three prototype environmental data reporting buoys which may be interrogated by satellites. The buoys are destined for experimental use by NESG in a continuing program designed to meet the requirements of the world weather system.

LOG OF THE OCEANOGRAPHER

Nearly 600 people toured the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER during her stay at Plymouth, England. The ship's commanding officer, Capt. Arthur Wardwell, presented the Lord Mayor with a gift of books from Plymouth's sister city in New England. OCEANOGRAPHER's next stop was Monaco, where she was greeted on her arrival Apr. 30 by Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; Roger Tubby, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Organizations at Geneva; and several members of the U.S. Delegation to the Fifth Congress of the World Meteorological Organization. Among the hundreds who toured the ship at Monaco were Prince Rainier and Princess Grace, as well as scientists attending the International Hydrographic Conference.

WMO CONGRESS APPROVES WEATHER WATCH

Plans for the World Weather Watch were approved by the Fifth Congress of the World Meteorological Organization, which met in Geneva during April. The Congress also authorized a related research program beginning with a Tropical Observational Experiment and followed by a Global Atmospheric Research Program. In the latter program, a dense network of stations will gather data for use in testing mathematical models of the atmosphere, in order to assess the possibility of producing reliable forecasts for periods of more than a week in advance.

SEISMOGRAPH SET UP IN MEXICO CITY

A station in Mexico has been added to the Worldwide Network of Standardized Seismographs, which includes 100 observatories in 60 countries and territories throughout the world. The new station is located at the Universidad Nacional Mexico in Mexico City. The instrumentation was provided by the United States, and is maintained by C&GS personnel from the Albuquerque (N. Mex.) Seismological Center.

ICAS REVIEWS BOULDER PROGRAMS

The Interdepartmental Committee on Atmospheric Sciences (ICAS), a panel of Government scientists and administrators, was in Boulder May 10-11 to review Government-sponsored research in atmospheric science conducted by IER, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and the Bureau of Reclamation. Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce and Chairman of ICAS, headed the delegation.

EDS PUBLISHES SOLAR DATA BULLETIN

"Solar Geophysical Data," a monthly publication issued by ITSA, is now being published in Asheville, N.C., by EDS. The publication contains information on solar activity and on associated ionospheric radio propagation and other geophysical effects. The bulletins are available on a data-exchange basis through World Data Center A, Upper Atmosphere Geophysics, IER, Boulder, Colo., 80302.

PACIFIC REGION NAMES OBSERVER OF THE QUARTER

Roy F. Freiburger, WB meteorological technician at Lihue, Kauai, has been named Pacific Region "Observer of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of 1966. He received a cash award of \$200 in recognition of the high quality of his technical performance.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Richard E. Moll, who has been chief of the Administration Division at C&GS' Pacific Marine Center since 1963, has accepted the post of Administrative Officer for the Director, Institutes for Environmental Research, at Boulder. Mr. Moll entered the Weather Bureau in 1951 and, before moving to Seattle, worked at the Satellite Center in Suitland, Md.

Ralph Segman is the new Public Information Officer at ESSA's Boulder facilities. Mr. Segman has worked for the U.S. Information Agency and most recently was a member of the staff of the Interagency Committee on Oceanography.

WB MEN ADVISE PHILIPPINES ON TYPHOON WARNING

Two WB men, Dr. Sidney Teweles, Chief of the Data Acquisition Division, and Dr. Gordon E. Dunn, Director of the National Hurricane Center, were in Manila for two weeks in March to consult with the Philippine weather service on the alleviation of typhoon damage. In September 1966, President Johnson had offered the services of a meteorological team to Philippine President Marcos. Drs. Teweles and Dunn met with Philippine officials and scientists to discuss typhoon observation, reporting, and warning operations.

KANSAS CITY ESSA OFFICES TO BE NEIGHBORS

C&GS' Mid-Continent Field Office headquarters will move in September to Kansas City's new Federal Building where WB Central Region headquarters are located. In conjunction with this move, the C&GS Chart Distribution Office will join the C&GS optical instrument repair facility and the ESSA Central Logistics Supply Center in Building No. 9 of the Hardesty Street Complex.

LONG HEADS TRENTON WB OFFICE

William R. Long became meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau Office at Trenton, N.J., on May 9. He also is User Services Representative for the State of New Jersey. Mr. Long joined the WB in 1946 at Topeka, and has served at Cincinnati, Nashville, and Memphis.

HYDROGRAPHERS MEET IN MONACO

Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, ESSA Associate Administrator, and Capt. Lorne G. Taylor, chief of C&GS' Marine Chart Division, represented ESSA at the Ninth International Hydrographic Conference, Monte Carlo, Apr. 18 - May 3. Delegates from approximately 40 nations and observers from 20 scientific and maritime organizations attended the conference.

TEST YOUR DRIVING SKILL

Brush up on your driving before vacation time by taking the third annual National Drivers Test, to be telecast by CBS on May 23. Check your television listings for the time.

SCOUTS HONOR ORLIN

Dr. Hyman Orlin of C&GS' Gravity and Astronomy Branch received the Silver Beaver Award at the Annual Recognition Dinner for Scouters, held May 6 in Bethesda, Md. The Silver Beaver is the highest form of recognition that an area council gives volunteer scouters. As director of training for the Montgomery District, Dr. Orlin has trained more than 700 leaders in cubbing, scouting, and exploring. Recently, he organized an Explorer post, specializing in oceanography, which is sponsored by the ESSA Employees Club.

GLACIER NAMED FOR KANSAS CITY WEATHERMAN

A glacier in Antarctica's northern Victoria Land has been named for Charles F. Trainer, chief of the Observations Section at WB Central Region Headquarters.

SERVICE AWARDS

The Atlantic Marine Center gave length-of-service pins to the following employees in April: 35 years - Capt. William F. Deane, Robert Savage, and Capt. Arthur L. Wardwell. 30 years - Lowell D. Fair, Cdr. Emerson E. Jones, Alfred Litz, and Lamberto Martin. 25 years - Aubrey V. Ansell, John L. Etheridge, Robert J. Haynes, Sherlie G. Hill, Eddie F. Lewis, Wallace G. Monsees, Benjamin W. O'Neal, Charles K. Smith, and Oliver C. Swindell. 20 years - Erwest W. Hartford, Marvin W. Larabee, Johnny M. Ordonez, Nelson C. Sampson, Sam W. Smith, David M. Valdes, Jose Velasquez, and Herbert F. Venhaus.

WB Office of Hydrology presented service awards in April to Elmer R. Nelson and Tor J. Nordenson, 30 years; Mary Parrish, 25 years; Donald R. Baker, John F. Miller, and Francis K. Schwartz, 20 years.

Employees of C&GS' Office of Hydrography and Oceanography who received service awards in April were James D. Lanehart, Clem C. Arens, and Irving C. Glass, 25 years, and Dorothy M. Timmons, 20 years.

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