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WATER FOR PEACE MEETING OPENS TUESDAY

ESSA Administrator Robert M. White will be an alternate delegate to the International Conference on Water for Peace, to be held in Washington, D. C., from May 23 - 31. Albert K. Showalter, Director of the WB Hydrologic Research and Development Laboratory, is the Commerce member of the program committee for the 80-nation conference. ESSA speakers at expert-level sessions will be Dr. Helmut K. Weickmann, IAS; William E. Hiatt, WB; and Robert W. Schloemer, EDS (co-author of a paper). The conference proceedings will include papers by Malcolm Rigby, ESSA; by John McAllister and others at the WB Fort Worth River Forecast Center; and by Joseph Paulhus, WB. Mr. Paulhus also is coordinating an exhibit of ESSA's hydrologic publications. Ferguson Hall, ESSA, and Tor Nordenson, WB, will serve as summation officers for expert sessions. Ensign Jerome Ewen, Ensign Richard T. Sheahan, Stanley Yarkin, Michael Mark, and Richard M. DeAngelis will provide staff assistance during the conference.



EAST COAST SITE

An aerial photograph of Virginia Key, Fla., taken by Jeff Joffe of the Miami Herald, shows (A) the eight-acre site of ESSA's new East Coast Oceanographic Research Facility. Other marine-oriented activities on the key are (B) the Department of Interior Tropical Atlantic Biological Laboratory; (C) the University of Miami Institute of Marine Science, and (D) the Miami Seaquarium. Key Biscayne is in the background.

ADVANCES IN WARNING SYSTEM ANNOUNCED

The first major steps toward improvement of ESSA's nationwide Natural Disaster Warning (NADWARN) system were announced to the public this week. The NADWARN system is designed to improve warnings of such natural hazards as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, severe winter storms, seismic sea waves, and solar disturbances.

The most important step to be taken in 1967 is the establishment or expansion of teletypewriter circuits in states with the highest tornado frequencies. These circuits, called the ESSA Weather Wire network, will bring warnings directly to the press, radio, and television for rapid dissemination to the public. By mid-June, ESSA Weather Wire circuits will be established throughout the states of Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, and existing circuits in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri will be extended statewide. Also, the service will be extended to all of lower Michigan, to southern Wisconsin, the far western end of Florida, and all of Texas except the extreme southwest portion.

Eight weather radar instruments will be purchased for installation in about two years in the vicinity of Garden City, Kans.; Grand Island, Nebr.; Midland and San Antonio, Tex.; Springfield, Mo.; Waycross, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Bristol, Va./Tenn. Equipment to receive and display information from remote radars will be purchased for later installation at about 25 locations. In some places, the remote displays will replace obsolete, short-range radars.

A comprehensive river forecast service for the Delaware and Susquehanna river basins will be inaugurated in cooperation with Federal and State agencies. Opening of a River Forecast Center at Harrisburg, Pa., and expansion of the Trenton, N. J., office will improve flood warnings and also will provide streamflow and water supply forecasts not previously available.

A regional tsunami warning system will be established this year in Alaska to provide more rapid watches and warnings of seismic sea waves. An observatory is now being constructed at Palmer, Alaska, to serve as the system's regional headquarters, and a network of seven telemetering tide stations is nearing completion.

OFCM MOVES TO COMMERCE BUILDING

The Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research has moved to the Main Commerce Bldg. Mail may be addressed to Room 5001, Commerce Building, Washington, D.C. 20230, or Run Stop 206. The telephone number of the reception room is 202 967-2854 (Government Code 112-2854).

OFFICER CORPS MARKS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The ESSA Commissioned Corps will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a dinner-dance tonight, May 19, at the Washington Navy Yard Officers Club. Two of the original commissioned officers will be honored at the dinner. They are Rear Admiral Leo O. Colbert, 83, former Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Captain Clement L. Garner, 83. Other special guests will include Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, and representatives of the Nation's other six uniformed services. Adm. Colbert and Capt. Garner were among the 119 officers sworn in when the Commissioned Corps was established by Congress on May 22, 1917.

WB REGIONAL DIRECTORS MEET NEXT WEEK

Directors of the six WB regions will meet at Silver Spring headquarters, May 22 - 26. This conference is designed to give leaders of the Bureau's field operations an opportunity to discuss problems, achievements, and plans with one another and with Central Office officials. They also will hear presentations by various headquarters divisions on the Bureau's overall policies, programs, and future plans. Regional Directors attending the conference will be Silvio G. Simplicio (Eastern Region), Wilmer L. Thompson (Southern Region), Roy L. Fox (Central Region), Hazen H. Bedke (Western Region), Lawrence R. Mahar (Alaska Region), and James W. Osmun (Pacific Region).

ITSA APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

W. E. Johnson has been named Assistant Director of the Tropospheric Telecommunications Laboratory, ITSA. Replacing Mr. Johnson as the Laboratory's program area chief for data reduction and instrumentation is R. W. Hubbard. In another Laboratory appointment, D. R. Macken has been named program area chief for tropospheric systems performance.

ADM. TISON NAMED TO RIVER COMMISSION

The appointment of Rear Admiral James C. Tison, Jr., C&GS Director, as the Coast and Geodetic Survey member of the Mississippi River Commission was confirmed by the Senate May 2. During the past week, Adm. Tison made his first inspection trip with the Commission aboard its motor vessel MISSISSIPPI.

WE GOOFED

Richard E. Moll has been named Administrative Officer of the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences, not IER as was erroneously reported last week.

TICUS SURVEYS LONG ISLAND SOUND

C&GS is using TICUS, a new electronic system, in the final phase of a three-year survey of tidal currents in Long Island and Block Island sounds. TICUS (tidal current survey) employs 120-inch-long surface buoys, which are anchored on station for 30 days. Suspended from each buoy are several meters -- usually three -- to measure the direction and speed of currents at various depths. When activated by a shipboard console, the buoy interrogates its meters and transmits the data to the ship.

HAGGARD CHAIRS WMO WORKING GROUP

William H. Haggard, Director of the National Weather Records Center at Asheville, is chairing a meeting of the WMO Commission for Maritime Meteorology's Working Group on Marine Climatology, now underway in Geneva, Switzerland.

TUCKER IS DISCOVERER EXEC

Commander Floyd J. Tucker, Jr., is now Executive Officer of the USC&GSS DISCOVERER.

WELCOME ABOARD

The Weather Bureau Central Region welcomes two new employees, James C. Cloar at the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, and Marvin E. Wycoff at the St. Louis airport station. John V. Marse is a new employee in the C&GS Mid-Continent Field area.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards were presented in April to the following people in the WB Western Region. 30 years - Robert L. King, Tucson; and Edward H. Tornroth, Eureka, Calif. 25 years - Roy L. Anderson, Great Falls; Eugene R. Bennick, Phoenix; Victor B. Cotten, Yuma; Asahel F. Burnham, Spokane; Arthur W. Fritz, Medford; Louis M. Jones, Pendleton; Lester B. Larson, Walla Walla; and Leo J. Sansregret, Portland. 20 years - George F. Carmickle, Pendleton; and Richard C. Theis, Vandenberg AFB.

Captain Lorne G. Taylor, Chief of the C&GS Marine Chart Division, received a 25-year award on May 8.

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