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NEW C&GS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR NAMED



The appointment of Col. Frederick O. Diercks as Associate Director of C&GS for Aeronautical Charting and Cartography was announced today. Col. Diercks will assume his new post on June 1, after retiring from the Army. His most recent assignment was as director of the U. S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center in Washington, D.C. Prior to that he was deputy engineer of the Eighth Army in Korea; acting assistant director for mapping, charting, and geodesy of the Defense Intelligence Agency; and commanding officer of the Army Map Service in Washington.

DR. HOLLOWON RESIGNS TO TAKE OU POST

President Johnson has accepted the resignation of Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon as Acting Undersecretary of Commerce and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology. Dr. Hollomon will become president of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Okla. He will become president-elect this September and president July 1, 1968. In a letter to Dr. Hollomon, Acting Secretary of Commerce Alexander B. Trowbridge said, "All of the officers and employees in the Department will, I am sure, miss your leadership and your energy and drive in sustaining the good causes in which we have been engaged. But most of all, we shall miss your warm and human spirit and your personal sense of purpose, which have strengthened us all."

HICKLEY WINS COLBERT MEDAL

Thomas J. Hickley, chief of C&GS' Engineering Division, received the Society of American Military Engineers' Colbert medal for 1966 at the society's annual dinner, May 22. Mr. Hickley was cited for development of instrument systems and techniques used in oceanography and earth science studies. The Karo Plaque was given to C&GS' Saudi Arabia Tide-Photogrammetric Unit for its photographic survey of the Indian Springs low-water line along the western side of the Persian Gulf.

ESSA GROUP STUDIES SONIC BOOM

A Sonic Boom Working Group has been formed within ESSA to aid researchers studying the cause, effect, and possible suppression of the atmospheric shock waves created by supersonic aircraft. The group is headed by Charles F. Roberts of the Weather Bureau's Weather Analysis and Prediction Division with assistance from a research team composed of Dr. James K. Angell, William A. Hass (who is also a member of the new Working Group), and Gary A. Herbert, all of the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences' Air Resources Laboratory. In addition to Roberts and Hass, other members of the Sonic Boom Working Group are Burton D. Goldenberg of the Bureau's Data Acquisition Division, and Frederick G. Finger of the National Meteorological Center.

CAPT. TAYLOR TO ADVISE ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Captain Lorne G. Taylor, Chief of C&GS' Marine Chart Division, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Board of Geographic Names' Advisory Committee on Undersea Features. Taylor's appointment to this committee was recommended by the board, because of his leadership in promoting the Survey's bathymetric mapping program.

WEATHER CENTER HOSTS FOREIGN SCIENTISTS

The World Meteorological Center in Suitland, Md., is welcoming a new contingent of foreign guest scientists in May and June. Zevi Alperson arrived from Israel May 1. Yegman Ramanathan reported in from India on May 15. June will bring Achmad Sukander from Indonesia and Lt. Wiwit Sutayanon from Thailand.

CSG URGES SUPPORT FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

The Civil Service Commission has urged the heads of all Federal Agencies to hire young employees as part of the President's Youth Opportunity Campaign. Special appointing authorities have been approved by the Commission to facilitate participation in the program. Deserving boys and girls between 16 and 21 from low-income families can register at State Employment Offices for jobs that pay \$1.40 per hour.

SVENDSEN TOURS SOUTH AMERICAN MAGNETIC LABS

Kendall L. Svendsen of the C&GS Geomagnetism Division is visiting about 20 magnetic observatories and magnetic processing offices in Central and South America during May, to discuss the cooperative activities of those organizations in contributing geomagnetic data to the World Data Centers.

EXPLORER BEGINS SURVEY OF MASS. COAST

The USC&GSS EXPLORER will begin work this month on a five-year hydrographic survey of the Massachusetts coast from Cape Ann to Cape Cod, the most extensive survey of these waters in 100 years. The survey will continue until October, resuming each year until the project is completed. It will cover an area of approximately 1350 square nautical miles extending from four to five miles off-shore to 20-25 miles from shore, where it will tie in with surveys already completed over the continental shelf.

SESAME TO OPEN SOON

"Sesame" is the name of a project of the WB Systems Development Office, aimed at developing new techniques and upper-air instruments which will provide data specifically tailored to user needs. Sesame (System Engineering Study on Atmospheric Measurements and Equipment) is scheduled to begin in July. Project monitor is Roy Wyatt, chief of SDO's Data Acquisition Branch.

ESSA SPEAKERS

Herbert C. S. Thom, EDS Senior Research Fellow, conducted an invited seminar, "Direct and Indirect Methods of Climatological Analysis," at the Environmental Technical Applications Center, Air Weather Service, Washington, D. C., on May 9.

Herman C. Anderson and James F. Richardson of the C&GS Marine Chart Division discussed the Survey's Cooperative Charting Program at a May 2 meeting of Flotilla Leaders in Division 7, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Washington, D. C.

Dr. S. T. Algermissen, chief of C&GS' Geophysics Research Group, addressed a Symposium on Building Construction in Earthquake Areas, held Apr. 20 in San Francisco at the 19th Annual National Engineering Conference of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. Dr. Algermissen's topic was "Seismicity and Earthquake Risks."

A paper on "Seismic Waves Generated by Sonic Booms - A Geoaoustical Problem" was presented by co-author A. F. Espinosa, of C&GS' Geophysics Research Group, at the 73rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, held in New York from Apr. 19 - 21.

ROCKNEY IS ACTING PRESIDENT OF WMO GROUP

Vaughn Rockney, chief of the WB Overseas Operations Division, is now Acting President of the WMO Commission for Instruments and Methods of Operation. At the Fifth Congress of the World Meteorological Organization, the Commission's President was elected to the WMO Executive Committee. By WMO regulation, the former Vice President, Mr. Rockney, assumes the duties of Commission President.

WEST COAST INSPECTION PROGRESSES

Performing a field inspection for the 1968 edition of U. S. Coast Pilot 7, Lt. Bobby Edwards has inspected 600 miles of coast line between San Diego and San Francisco, Calif. - including three major ports, five secondary harbors, and 15 small-craft harbors - during the past three months. Lt. Edwards will complete his inspection of San Francisco Bay in May, and then will head north completing his inspection of the west coast about December.

HELP WANTED

C&GS needs Cartographic and Physical Science Aids, GS-2 and up, in Washington, Silver Spring, and Rockville. If you know any high-school graduates looking for permanent employment, ask them to call the Personnel Office on 496-8045 for further information. Applicants seeking summer employment will not be considered.

WB MEN COMPLETE MANAGEMENT COURSE

Marshall Richards and Allen Flanders of the WB Office of Hydrology participated in a recent 10-day management course, "Federal Executives in Scientific and Engineering Organizations," given by the Department of Agriculture at Williamsburg, Va.

HYDROGRAPHIC PARTY HEADS NORTH

C&GS Mobile Hydrographic Party 742 will leave Gulfport, Miss., May 29 for Groton, Conn. The 16-man party will remain in Connecticut through October, conducting hydrographic surveys in Fisher's Island Sound and the Thames River.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due in May to the following employees of the WB Eastern Region. 30 years - Glen V. Sachse, Norfolk. 25 years - William T. Barch, Allentown, Pa.; Clarence W. Reynolds, Baltimore; Gennaro A. D'Auria, Hartford; Ralph Burson, Jr., New York (JFK); Ralph L. Carlson, Providence; William W. Galleshaw, Providence; Robert I. Foster, Washington; and Joseph P. Krank, Washington. 20 years - John F. Fogarty, Hartford; Dale O. Hackett, Hartford; Jack R. Main, Norfolk; and Elwood M. Harte Wallops Station.

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