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### MAGNETIC DATA CENTER JOINS EDS

The C&GS Magnetic Data Center Branch will be transferred to the Earth Sciences Division of EDS on July 1 and will be renamed the Geomagnetic Data Center Branch. William Paulishak will continue in charge of the branch, which will remain in Building 1 at the Washington Science Center. The Geomagnetic Data Center Branch will be the fourth EDS data facility. The other three are the National Weather Records Center and the Geophysical Data Center at Asheville, N.C., and the Aeronomy and Space Data Center at Boulder, Colo.

### HELBUSH NAMED TO REGIONAL POST

Robert E. Helbush, chief of the WB Emergency Warnings Branch, has been named to head the Operations Division of the Bureau's Southern Region. Mr. Helbush joined the WB in 1948, after forecast service with the Air Force and Pan American World Airways. He was meteorologist in charge of the WB station at Burlington, Vt., before moving to Washington. A graduate of San Jose College in California, he has a master's degree from the University of Vermont and is working toward his Ph.D. at American University.

### ESSA OFFICIALS KEEP POSTED ON ALASKA QUAKE



Three earthquakes hit Fairbanks, Alaska, within a period of 20 minutes on June 21. The quakes occurred at 2:04, 2:13, and 2:24 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, with approximate magnitudes of 6.6, 6.5, and 6.6 respectively. From right, Dr. White, Dr. Baum, and James M. Klaasse (C&GS Associate Director, Seismology and Geomagnetism) watched Carl A. Von Hake locate the epicenter as reports were received in the National Earthquake Information Center.

## DISCOVERER TO BE DISPLAYED AT EXPO



The USC&GSS DISCOVERER will be at EXPO '67 from July 2 to 9. Canadian and exposition officials will tour the ship on July 3, and the vessel will be open to EXPO visitors from July 4 through 8. ESSA officials accompanying the ship to Montreal are Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator; Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, Associate Administrator; Dr. George S. Benton, IER Director; Dr. William V. Wright, Director of

Science and Engineering; Dr. Woodrow C. Jacobs, EDS Director; Walter A. Hahn, Director of Planning and Program Evaluation; and James M. Klaasse, C&GS Associate Director for Seismology and Geomagnetism

## ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

Hundreds of ESSA facilities are planning open houses to observe ESSA's second anniversary. Among those welcoming public visits will be the USC&GSS DISCOVERER and McARTHUR, the Washington World Weather Center (NMC and NESG), the National Hurricane Center, and stations from American Samoa and the Pacific Trust Territories to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## AMS HONORS ESSA MEN

Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer, retired chief of the Weather Bureau; Dr. George S. Benton, IER Director; Dr. Joseph Smagorinsky, Director of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory; and Jerome Namias, chief of the Extended Forecast Division, NMC, have been named Fellows of the American Meteorological Society.

## THIS THING IS ALIVE!

A patrol vessel from the Little Creek (Va.) Coast Guard Station put out into Chesapeake Bay recently to investigate a report that a 12-foot boat was adrift with no one aboard. The Coast Guard men attached a line to the empty boat and attempted to bring it in, but the boat kept moving away under its own power. "It dragged me around the bay awhile," the startled boatswain's mate said, "and I let it go. I radioed the station, 'This thing is alive.'" The small boat turned out to be an electronically controlled drone being tested by C&GS in the Bay.

### ISLAND TRAINEE HEADS TRUK WB

Francisco T. Perez, Jr., has been appointed official in charge of the WB airport station at Truk, Pacific Trust Territories. Mr. Perez, who joined the Bureau in 1957 as a meteorological aide, is the first WB Guamanian trainee to hold such a responsible position.

### SECOND EARTHQUAKE VOLUME PUBLISHED

Volume II A of "The Prince William Sound, Alaska, Earthquake of 1964 and Aftershocks" has been published. The 392-page volume describes building-damage investigations made in connection with the Alaskan earthquake and analyzes the effects of the earthquake on various types of engineering design and construction. The publication is available from the Government Printing Office for \$5.50.

### PERSONNEL OFFICERS CONFER

Field personnel officers met at ESSA headquarters June 19-23. Dr. Robert M. White, Dr. Werner A. Baum, and Theodore P. Gleiter were among the speakers at the conference. Pictured are, left to right: front row - G. W. Ehram, NWRC; E. F. Cook, Southern Region; Dr. White; Guy H. Dorsey, Chief, Personnel Division; Amey B. Wilson, Alaska Region; Thomas F. Farrelly, Atlantic Marine Center; Dale Gough, IER; Walter J. Gully, Western Region; Freel W. Hubbard, Pacific Marine Center; R. M. Lumpkin, Central Region; John G. Norris, Pacific Region.



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNED**

Responsibility for managing and coordinating the ESSA Operational Telecommunications System (EOTS) was assigned to the Weather Bureau June 16. John Straiton, chief of the Bureau's Communications Division, will serve as the ESSA Operational Telecommunications Coordinator. This new function is described in a directive to be published soon in the ESSA Manual.

**BOULDER MAN BACK FROM HARVARD**

Dr. James R. Wait, Senior Research Fellow at IER, has returned from Harvard where he had been a Visiting Professor in Applied Physics for the 1966-67 academic year.

**SERVICE AWARDS**

Length-of-service awards have been given to the following WB personnel in the Washington area during the first half of 1967. 40 years - R. C. Grubb and Edward M. Vernon. 35 years - Mary W. Hodge. 30 years - William E. Hiatt, Thomas F. Finnin, Philip F. Clapp, H. Dean Parry, John P. Scanlon, George Templeton, and Max A. Kohler. 25 years - Ada M. McLeroy, Ethel L. Sineath, Laura L. Nelson, Myer L. Zola, Samuel O. Grimm, Lucile F. Vaughn, Harlan K. Saylor, Roy M. McCarter, Luther A. Olson, William M. Richardson, Eugene A. Gardner, Rozell B. Jones, Marie C. Hubbard, Margaret A. Dalton, James F. Andrews, Josephine Poe, Samuel V. Wyatt, Jimmy Whittemore, and Hugh C. Blanton.

In the Environmental Data Service, Robert W. Schloemer and Wayne C. Palmer have received 25-year pins.

Awards for 25 years of service have been presented to Charles S. Cushman, Robert L. Ricketts, Maurice D. Baliles, Clyde L. Jones and Ohmar K. Henderson, all of the National Environmental Satellite Center.

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Frank L. Branom, an electronic technician at WBAS St. Louis, has received the largest suggestion award ever given in the WB Central Region. He is \$300 richer for submitting a suggestion concerning an automatic voltage regulator for a standby power plant.

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