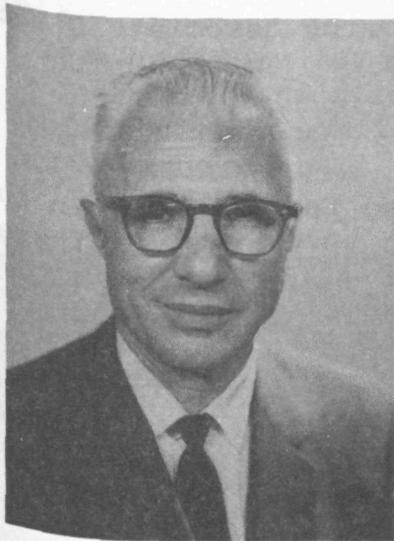


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GEN. HOLZMAN APPOINTED TO EDS POST

Brigadier General Benjamin G. Holzman, USAF (Ret.), noted geophysicist, will be sworn in September 6 as Deputy Director of the Environmental Data Service. General Holzman was commander of the Air Force's Cambridge Research Laboratories from 1960 until his military retirement in 1964 when he joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Advanced Research and Technology. Before receiving his commission in 1942, he was head of the Weather Bureau's Analysis Center in Washington. General Holzman has bachelor's and master's degrees from the California Institute of

Technology, and is also a graduate of the National War College. He has served as Vice-President of the American Meteorological Society, Vice-President of the American Geophysical Union, and President of the AGU Meteorology Section. He is currently an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

WEATHERMEN EXPERIMENT WITH ATS-1 SATELLITE

The WB's Office of Hydrology is using NASA's ATS-1 satellite for an experiment in collecting river stage and rainfall measurements from remote locations. Hydrologic stations at Benton, Ark. and Salem, Ore., equipped with telemetering sensors, started transmitting data to the satellite early in August. Another is being installed at Sacramento, Calif. The unattended stations automatically record the river level and the accumulated precipitation every 15 minutes. When interrogated by the satellite, they transmit the most recent measurements, together with a station identification code. The signals are relayed through the VHF transponder on the ATS spacecraft to NASA's Mojave, Calif. ATS ground station. From Mojave, the information is sent to Washington, D. C., for evaluation by the Weather Bureau.

STONE TO DIRECT WEST COAST FIELD OFFICE



Captain Raymond M. Stone has been appointed to succeed Captain Emmett H. Sheridan as C&GS West Coast Field Director effective Dec. 1. Capt. Stone, previously Associate Director of the C&GS Office of Hydrography and Oceanography, is a 27-year career officer. He has seen service in the Atlantic and Pacific on 12 Coast Survey vessels, including command of the USC&GSS HYDROGRAPHER and MARMER. He has also conducted land surveys in the United States and served as liaison officer with the FAA. Prior to becoming Associate Director for Hydrography and Oceanography, he was Project Planning Staff Officer for that office.

FOREST FIRES KEEP WB BUSY

The WB is playing a major role in combating forest fires in the Pacific Northwest, described as the worst in 50 years. Last week, the Western Region had 12 of its 20 fire-weather mobile units at the scene of burning woodlands in western Montana and northern Idaho. Although light rains on Aug. 26-27 brought some relief by raising the 5-10 percent humidity levels which had persisted during the worst fire days, a fresh rash of fires broke out in Oregon and Washington this week keeping the pressure on fire fighters and WB fire-weather forecasters.

DR. FRANK TO LECTURE AT BOULDER

Dr. F. C. Frank of the University of Bristol, England, will be guest speaker Sept. 5 at IER, Boulder. He will lecture on earthquake prediction and the Denver area earthquakes. Dr. Frank's contention is that with a sufficient amount of scientific measurement, earthquake prediction services could be established.



GRIMM TO DIRECT EMERGENCY WARNINGS

Samuel O. Grimm, Jr., has been named to head the Emergency Warnings Branch of the WB's Weather Analysis and Prediction Division. Mr. Grimm, formerly a forecaster at John F. Kennedy International Airport, has been with the Emergency Warnings Branch for two of his 25 years' service with the Weather Bureau.

DAVIDSON SAILS TO SEATTLE SOON

The USC&GSS DAVIDSON, commanded by Lt. Cdr. K. William Jeffers, will leave Norfolk Sept. 11 on a 6350-mile voyage to Seattle during which she will probe the 21,840-foot-deep Cayman Trench in the Caribbean and search for phosphorite nodules on the Pacific seabed off Mexico. She will make the eight-week voyage via the Panama Canal with stops at Cristobal and Balboa, Panama; Acapulco, Mexico; and San Diego, Monterey Bay and San Francisco, Calif. The DAVIDSON is scheduled to reach her berth at the Coast Survey's Pacific Marine Center in Seattle Nov. 3.

NO VACANCY AT MIAMI

The Institute for Oceanography is trying to dig out from under the applications for jobs at its Miami facility. Institute officials say no positions can be filled at present, and beg applicants to hold their 57's until further notice.



Twenty-four WB men attended a course, "Modern Developments in Meteorology," at the University of Michigan from May through mid-August. Shown here are (front row, left to right) Edward W. Oscarson, Oklahoma City; Joseph Prelec, Cleveland; Irving Pullman, New York; James J. McCoy, Boise; John Gruber, Chicago; Robert E. Muller, Detroit; Robert Levine, Miami; and Charles W. Inskip, Salt Lake City. In the back row are Richard F. Zander, Anchorage; Ralph Burson, New York; Fred L. Horton, Roanoke; David R. Coulter, Kansas City; Young T. Sloan, New Orleans; Rex J. Hess, Sacramento; Lawrence G. Shaffer, Goodland, Kans.; Harold A. Ward, Great Falls, Mont.; Yoshito K. Yamamura, Pt. Mugu, Calif.; Lascellis W. Yates, Seattle; James K. Tyrrell, Medford, Ore.; Leonard A. Wills, Fort Worth; Robert L. Nolan, New York; Isaiah Zamarripa, San Juan, P.R.; and James W. Zoller, Grand Rapids. (Not shown is George A. Cowdright, Philadelphia.)

GO FLY A KITE

Unexpected satisfaction from weather forecasting is apparent in the following log entry by Hugh Jones at the National Severe Storm Forecast Center in Kansas City: "The public is becoming probability minded, but not quite the way we had expected. A boy called requesting the wind probability for Sunday. He wanted to fly a kite. I told him that the mild weather and light winds would produce perfect conditions for him to go fly a kite. I have always wanted to say that to someone. I did, and he even said thank you."

C&GS PROVIDES HAVEN FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

The C&GS observatory on the campus of the University of Alaska served as emergency quarters for 23 persons during the Fairbanks flood. John B. Townshend, observatory chief, said the refugees arrived with "some wearing only pajamas and most with only the clothes they had on."

Like WB personnel in the city, observatory employees were hard hit by the flood. Most had some water in their homes, but Mrs. Wanda Mullen lost all personal belongings when her basement apartment was completely filled with water.

NICHOLS RETIRES

Roger C. (Nick) Nichols, Marine Supervisor for the Pacific Weather Project with headquarters in San Francisco, retired Aug. 25, after 38 years of Federal service.

AWARDS

Length-of-service awards were presented to the following WB Western Region employees in July. 40 years - William A. Cupples, Red Bluff, Calif. 25 years - Max L. Caldwell, San Francisco; Henry W. Schultz, Boise; and Richard S. Way, Seattle. 20 years - David J. Bauman, Portland, Ore.; Donald A. Halverson, San Diego; John L. Koch, Spokane; and Milton I. Rudd, Santa Catalina Island.

Employees in C&GS' New York Field Office receiving awards in August were: 30 years - James B. Cumming. 25 years - Emil J. List. 20 years - James J. Skoyles, Arrico A. Nicastro, and Alfred M. Chirichella.

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