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TSUNAMI DATA EXCHANGE ACCELERATED

The United States, Russia, and Japan agreed to step up the exchange of seismic sea wave data in a move to improve the effectiveness of the Pacific Tsunami Warning System. The agreement was reached March 29 at the closing session of the International Coordinating Group on the Tsunami Warning System held at the University of Hawaii. The three nations agreed to exchange tsunami data, with Japan as the relay point for information originating within the Soviet Union. J. M. Klaasse, C&GS Associate Director, Seismology and Geomagnetism, and the U. S. representative at the conference, termed the agreement the major accomplishment of the four-day meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED TO ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering. The Academy cited Dr. White for his leadership in the development of methods of weather forecasting, and in the evolution of the World Weather Watch System.

SHIPS SEARCH FOR SUNKEN SUB



The USC&GS Ships RUDE and HECK, commanded by Lt. Cdr. Donald L. Florwick, will search for a World War II German submarine -- reportedly sunk off Charleston Harbor, S. C. -- as part of a two-month survey of the Atlantic waters off Charleston for various wrecks and other sunken obstructions which present a hazard to shipping. The survey is slated to begin about Apr. 10. The obstruction has been reported since 1955 by various sources, including the Navy and merchant marine vessels, although previous efforts to locate the obstruction, or disprove its existence, have proven unsuccessful. As a precaution, shipping going to or from Charleston from the south has detoured the area. It is anticipated that the special equipment carried by the RUDE and HECK might make it possible to locate the submarine.

400,000TH RADIOSONDE REPAIRED



Herbert W. Rahmlow, WB Engineering Division (left), presents WB Director George P. Cressman with 400,000th radiosonde repaired at the National Reconditioning Center.

RETIREES GRANTED COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has confirmed that checks paid to retirees will be increased by an additional three percent effective May 1, 1968. The first check to include the increase will be the one received on or about June 1, 1968.

In past years, many ESSA employees applied for retirement prior to the effective date of cost-of-living adjustment to place themselves in a retired status. This assured them the same percentage increase that other retirees would receive.

An employee contemplating retirement within the next few months may want to consider making such retirement effective on or before April 30, 1968. A retirement on May 1, 1968, or later would not receive the cost-of-living allowance.

SHAW HEADS PACIFIC REGION BRANCH

Robert F. Shaw, formerly Regional User Services Representative at the Weather Bureau's Pacific Region Headquarters in Honolulu, has been named chief of the Region's Data Acquisition Branch. Mr. Shaw replaces John P. Lee, who became meteorologist in charge at Kwajalein last December.

THREE JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR

Robert W. Schloemer, EDS, Mrs. Frances C. Parmenter, NESC, and Ralph H. Frederick, of the WB's Office of Hydrology, served as judges at the Twentieth Annual Prince Georges County Science Fair, held Mar. 30, at the University of Maryland. In addition to Mr. Schloemer, who chaired the fair's Earth Sciences Division, Mrs. Parmenter, and Mr. Frederick, other judges were representatives from the Department of Interior, U.S. Naval Research Laboratories, National Oceanographic Data Center, and NASA.

THEISEN SELECTED FOR FORT WORTH POST

Robert Theisen, hydrologist in the Kansas City River Forecast Center, has been selected for the post of principal assistant at the Fort Worth River Forecast Center.

EUREKA LOVES THE WEATHERMAN

A proclamation issued Mar. 15 by the mayor of Eureka, Calif., read: "Whereas, the Weathermen of Eureka have stood watch over the seasons with great diligence; and Whereas, through their documentation, Eureka is recognized throughout the world for its consistent climate; and Whereas, in this year of Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Eight, the Vernal Equinox bestows upon us the early arrival of Spring, Now, Therefore, I, GILBERT S. TROOD, Mayor of the City of Eureka, do hereby proclaim March 20, 1968, as WEATHERMAN APPRECIATION DAY. On this first day of Spring, let all recognize the contribution the Weathermen have made to this community."

MORE AWARDS FOR NWRC

The American Legion Veterans Employment Committee presented the Legion's State and National Award for hiring the handicapped to EDS' National Weather Records Center in Asheville, N.C., on Mar. 27. The NWRC received a similar award from the Governor of N.C., on Mar. 18.

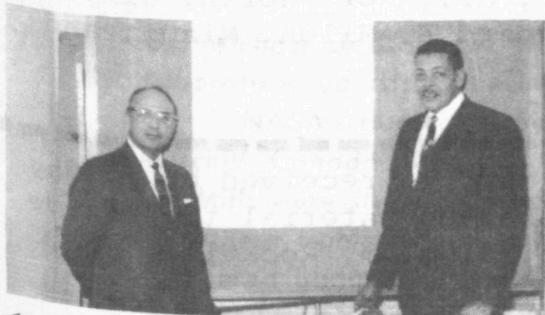
CHART SALES ZOOM IN 49TH STATE

The sale of C&GS aeronautical charts in Alaska has increased over 300 percent since a new chart distribution system was established in July 1967. Under the new Alaskan distribution system, FAA Flight Service Stations act as agents for the sale of charts.

ATLANTIC CITY PIER IS TEST SITE

The Equipment Development Laboratory of the WB's Systems Development Office has established an instrument stand, simulating a buoy environment, at the end of the Steel Pier at Atlantic City, N.J. Twenty-three different types of temperature sensors are being investigated. Other meteorological instruments will be mounted on this test stand at future dates. Dominic Grady, a retired WB employee, has been retained to monitor the equipment daily.

CHART DIVISION EMPLOYEES BRIEFED



The C&GS Aeronautical Chart Division, headed by G. K. Emminizer (left) is conducting studies of automated cartography and data handling systems. F. G. Travis, assistant chief, Aeronautical Information Branch (right), recently briefed Division employees on specific developments in the automatic processing of aeronautical information, the application of video displays to the revising of charts, and the new electronic plotting techniques.



REGIONAL ENGINEERS CONFER

Participants in the WB Regional Engineers Conference held at Bureau headquarters, Mar. 11-15 were, from left: R. V. Baughman, Southern Region; H. D. Anderson, Central Region; Marvin Paulson, Western Region; D. D. Conte, Pacific Region; James A. Cunningham and Joseph E. Cooper, WB headquarters; F. M. Keyes, Pacific Region; Lawrence K. Eide, WB Maintenance Training Center, Kansas City, Mo.; Ben H. Russler, Eastern Region; and George H. Luetkehans, Alaska Region.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards were presented to the following ESSA Research Laboratories employees during the first quarter of 1968: 30 years - Bernard D. Zetler. 25 years - Robert E. Chalfant, Ray E. White, Frank S. Smith, Jr., Lynn H. Pribble, Solomon Hellerman, Samuel C. Pearce, Julia L. Hart, James C. Blair, Clinton E. Akers, and Alice E. McRae. 20 years - Robert C. Davis, Bernard H. Chovitz, Robert W. Titus, Franklin A. Gifford, Bonnie R. True, Robert W. Knecht, Robert S. Gray, Maurine A. Smith, Clifford W. Jarman, Harold M. Burdick, Arnie E. Burns, William H. Ahlbeck, and Frederick M. Capps.

WB Southern Region employees due length-of-service awards in April are: 30 years - Samuel J. Easley, Dallas. 25 years - Robert E. Helbush, Fort Worth; John A. Riley, Jr., Fort Worth; Oliver H. Newton, Lubbock, Tex. 20 years - Bernard E. Milon, Miami; and Ralph W. Sevelius, West Palm Beach.

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