

# ESSA NEWS

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## TOWNSEND NOMINATION CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Dr. John W. Townsend's nomination by President Johnson as Deputy Administrator of ESSA has been confirmed by the Senate. Dr. Townsend is expected to assume his new duties in mid-July. Dr. Werner A. Baum's last day as Deputy Administrator will be July 5.

## DENVER SURVEY TO AID EARTHQUAKE STUDY

A geodetic survey of the Denver, Colo., area, to begin in August, will provide a basis for determining possible land movements during earthquakes. A well at the Rocky Mountain arsenal, almost 11,000 feet deep, has been used to dispose of chemical waste, and has been cited in some quarters as being linked to recent earthquakes in the area. After control points have been established in and around the arsenal, the distance between the points will be remeasured every six months to determine to what extent the land has moved following an earthquake. Vertical control points established about 10 years ago along the Derby Fault will also be checked to find out whether there have been any changes in the elevation of the land.

## WB DIRECTOR TOURS PACIFIC STATIONS



Dr. George P. Cressman, Weather Bureau Director, toured Pacific Region facilities during the week of June 10-14, visiting WBFC Honolulu, the Navy Fleet Weather Central at Pearl Harbor, the Kauai and Maui WB offices, Hilo airport station, and ESSA's Mauna Loa Observatory. In photo, Clifford M. Kutaka, satellite technician at WBFC Honolulu, explains weather conditions over

the Pacific to Dr. Cressman (second from right). Looking on are Edward M. Carlstead, chief of the Scientific Services Division, PRH, and Joseph Vederman, MIC, WBFC Honolulu (right).



### FOSTER SELECTED FOR S.C. POST

Richard A. Foster, a 22-year Weather Bureau veteran, will become official in charge of the Greenville-Spartanburg (S.C.) airport station on July 2. Mr. Foster is currently stationed in Youngstown, Ohio.

### C&GS PREPARES FOR OLYMPIC FLIGHTS

The Coast Survey has made arrangements to provide U.S. Air Force aeronautical charts to pilots flying to the October 1968 Olympics in Mexico. Since the Survey does not publish aeronautical charts for areas outside of the U.S. and its possessions, the Air Force has agreed to furnish its charts of Mexico to Coast Survey agents for sale to the flying public.

### ATLANTIC CITY VHF SYSTEM INAUGURATED

A continuous weather broadcast system for the Atlantic City area, which is expected to cover portions of Southern and Central Jersey and a part of Delaware Bay, was dedicated on June 13. This is the sixth Eastern Region location and the 18th in the nation to have continuous weather transmissions. Gerald L. Shak, Regional User Services Representative, represented the Eastern Region Director at the commissioning, and prepared a 40-second tape to be repeated over the station.

### GEODETTIC SURVEY SET FOR RHODE ISLAND

A 27-man Coast Survey team, headed by Laurence M. Chase, is beginning a five-month geodetic survey of Rhode Island this month. The survey, which is being conducted in cooperation with the State, is designed to establish exact geographical positions and elevations along 360 miles of Federal-aid and interstate highways of one, two, and five miles.

### NEW SATELLITE COMMITTEE FORMED

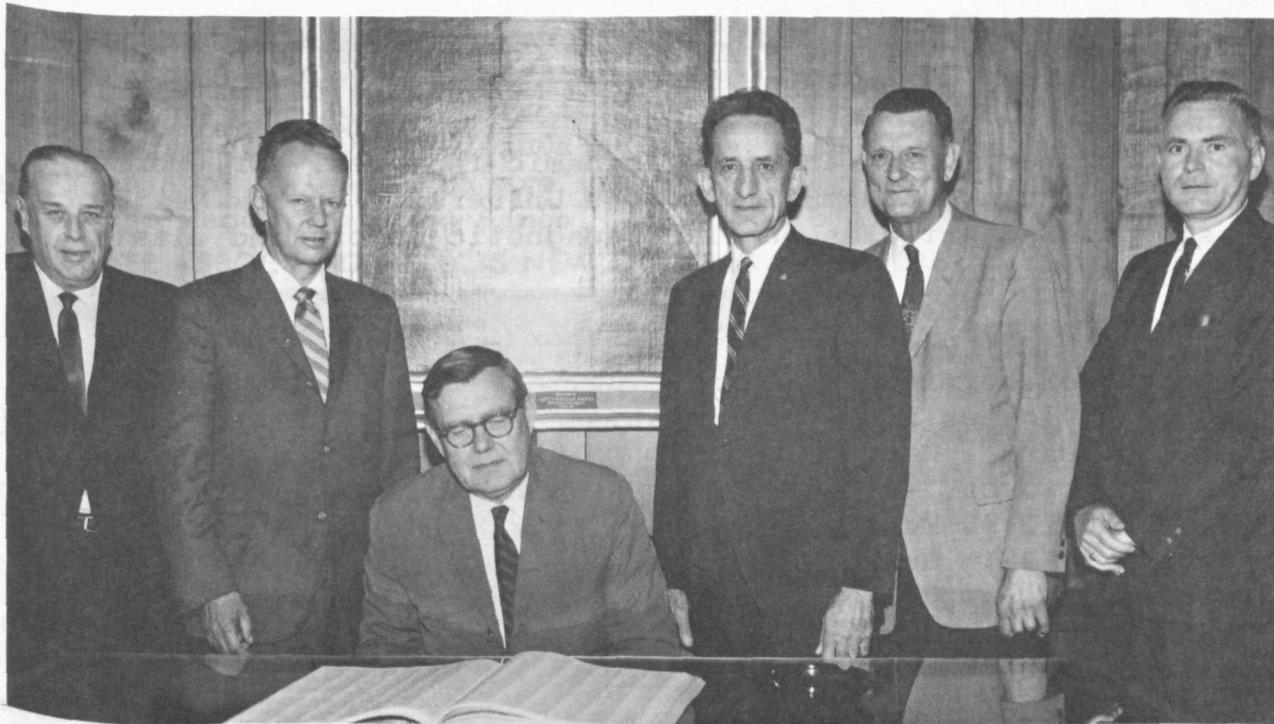
A Satellite Meteorological-Hydrological Activities Working Group, consisting of a member from each Weather Bureau Office and Center, was established this month to provide liaison between NESG and the Weather Bureau. Working group members are: M. H. Kulawiec, chairman - Meteorological Operations; A. F. Flanders - Hydrology; E. B. Fawcett - National Meteorological Center; M. E. Ringenbach - Systems Development; and J. A. Cunningham - Executive and Technical Services.

### UNION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS HOLD SEMINAR

Officers of 18 Weather Bureau locals of the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) met in New York City on June 22, for a day-long seminar on contract negotiations, grievance procedures, employee rights, and other employee-management related subjects. The NAGE officers represented approximately 450 Bureau employees, primarily from the WB Eastern Region. Attending for a management presentation were: R. C. Grubb, director, Executive and Technical Services Staff, Weather Bureau headquarters; Bernard Hull, assistant chief, ESSA Personnel Division; and Charles Knudsen, Eastern Region deputy director.

### C&GS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS MEET

Coast Survey administrative officers held a general conference at headquarters, June 10-14. Rear Admiral James C. Tison, Jr., Coast Survey Director, called the conference to review administrative programs, brief the officers on future operating plans, and promote a better understanding of administrative procedures. Briefings were given by staff members of the ESSA Office of Administration and Technical Services and C&GS officials.



Shown at the Administrative Officers conference are, left to right: W. B. Harrison, Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk; E. O. Kittleson, Pacific Marine Center, Seattle; Rear Admiral Tison; Albert J. Schultz, Mid-Continent Field Area, Kansas City; L. H. Sjolander, West Coast Field Office, San Francisco; and R. B. Rollins, Executive and Technical Services Staff, Coast Survey headquarters.

## MARCUS ISLAND WEATHER STATION RETURNED TO JAPAN

The Marcus Island Weather Bureau airport station will be officially transferred to the Japan Meteorological Agency on July 1, under an agreement signed last April by the U.S. and Japan for the return of the Bonin Islands to Japan. Since July 1963, the Marcus Island station has operated primarily as an observatory, taking upper-air and surface weather observations, making tide observations for the Coast Survey, and monitoring a seismograph for the University of Hawaii.

## WEATHERMEN ASSIST SOARING MEETS

George Mikulan, Leonard T. Olson, and Charles V. Lindsay of the WB Eastern Region have been selected to prepare forecasts for the National Soaring Contests to be held at Harris Hill, N.Y., July 2-12. The WB airport station at Salt Lake City, Utah, supported a soaring contest at Cedar City, Utah, during the last two weeks of June. Another scheduled meet at Hailey/Sun Valley, Idaho, July 28 - August 2, will be assisted by personnel from the Boise, Idaho, airport station.

## MORSE JOINS NESC STAFF

Dr. Burt Morse of the Philco-Ford Corporation joined the Synoptic Meteorology Branch of NESC's Meteorological Satellite Laboratory on June 16, where he will be working on mathematical models of hurricanes and other dynamic features. Dr. Morse formerly taught mathematics at the University of New Mexico, and has published articles on electromagnetic theory and elastic wave scattering.

## SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due to the following WB Southern Region employees in June: 35 years - Arville C. Gibson, Atlanta, Ga. 30 years - Herman O. Walton, Lake Charles, La., and Loren F. Jones, Victoria, Tex. 25 years - Frank D. Sealy, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Donald B. Munro, Jackson, Miss.; Hildreth V. Tucker, Jacksonville, Fla.; Henry M. Tonkin, Jr., Miami, Fla.; William J. Thomason, Miami, Fla.; Otho I. Blankenship, Shreveport, La.; Rex L. Kommer, New Orleans, La.; and Carl W. Hostetter, Jr., San Antonio, Tex. 20 years - Ray R. Jantz, Tulsa, Okla.

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