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Left to right: Paul Kutschenreuter, Director, Pacific Region; Hazen H. Bedke, Director, Western Region; Lawrence Mahar, Director, Alaska Region; Silvio Simplicio, Director, Eastern Region; Dr. George P. Cressman, Director, Weather Bureau; Russell C. Grubb, Director, Executive and Technical Services, WB; Karl R. Johannessen, Associate Director, Meteorological Operations, WB; Merritt N. Techter, Director, SDO; Roy L. Fox, Director, Central Region; Wilmer L. Thompson, Director, Southern Region; and Dr. Frederick G. Shuman, Director, NMC.

EASTERN REGION HOSTS WB DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

Weather Bureau Regional Directors ended a three-day conference in New York on Nov. 1. The meeting opened with an address by Dr. George P. Cressman, Director, Weather Bureau, in which he gave a general survey of outstanding achievements and contributions of the total Weather Bureau organization, and a discussion by Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr., ESSA Deputy Administrator, covering the budget-accounting system, staffing of field offices, and operational satellites planned for the future. The remaining sessions were devoted to forecast problems, river forecasting requirements, marine and air pollution problems, data acquisition system, forecast reorganization, fire-weather forecast problems, global forecasts, and the VHF-FM weather transmission program.

HOLZMAN CHAIRS WMO PLANNING MEETING



B/Gen. B. G. Holzman, Deputy Director of the Environmental Data Service, represented ESSA and served as chairman at an informal planning meeting held at the World Meteorological Organization Secretariat in Geneva, Nov. 12-19. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize a proposal for an efficient and reliable world system for the collection, storage, and retrieval of observational and processed data associated with the World Weather Watch. Gilbert Stegall of EDS' National Weather Records Center accompanied Gen. Holzman as technical advisor.

COAST SURVEY DIRECTOR SELECTS ALTERNATE

Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has designated Capt. Miller J. Tonkel, Associate Director for Hydrography and Oceanography, as the Coast Survey's Acting Director during his absences.

CONGRESS RULES ON SALARY OVERPAYMENTS

A recent Act of Congress allows the Comptroller General or the head of an executive agency to waive salary overpayments when the collection of an overpayment would be against equity and good conscience and not in the best interest of the United States. Waiver must be made in accordance with standards which the Comptroller General shall prescribe and may be retroactive to erroneous payments made on or after July 1, 1960. The Comptroller General has not yet established the standards; therefore, no waivers may be made until his regulations are issued.

MURPHY NAMED BARKING SANDS MIC



Jack Murphy, forecaster in the Weather Bureau's Los Angeles office since 1961, became meteorologist in charge of the Pacific Missile Range Weather Station at Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii, on Nov. 7. Mr. Murphy, who holds a bachelor's degree in meteorology from the University of California, joined the Bureau in 1958 at San Francisco and later transferred to the Santa Monica weather office. He will head a staff of nine engaged in providing weather data for the Navy's Underwater Test Range and other experiments.

APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Civil Service Commission recently announced that it is now accepting applications for summer employment in 1969 and stressed that applications be filed early for maximum consideration. Jobs range from office worker to park ranger. The bulk of the jobs available are in the GS-1-4 category as in prior years. Announcement No. 414, issued Oct. 13, 1968, contains complete application information and can be obtained at any CSC Information Office.

UNION LOCAL REPRESENTS C&GS EMPLOYEES



Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, signs a negotiated Labor-Management Agreement with Local 2640 of the American Federation of Government Employees, as Ralph B. Biser, AFGE National Vice-President, looks on. Local 2640 has exclusive recognition rights for a unit comprised of employees of the C&GS Reproduction and Distribution Division, Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography. Guy H. Dorsey, ESSA

Personnel Officer, and John Griner, President of the AFGE also signed the document. Pictured below at the Nov. 12 ceremony is R. Admiral Jones (seated). Standing from left are: F. O. Diercks, Associate Director, Aeronautical Charting and Cartography; Guy H. Dorsey, William C. Mudgett, National Representative, 14th District; David McIntyre, John Mulholland, chief of the Union's negotiating team; Ralph B. Biser, and Donald Chamberlain, Local president.





ESSA EDITOR HONORED FOR SERVICE

Miles F. Harris (left), chief of SIDD's Scientific Review Group, was awarded his 35-year length-of-service pin by T. P. Gleiter, Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services, in a ceremony held November 15. During his 35 years in the Weather Bureau and ESSA, Mr. Harris has published a number of research papers, primarily on atmospheric tides, and during the last 11 years has served as a scientific editor. He was recently appointed Editor of the Monthly Weather Review.

ESSA-MIAMI EMPLOYEES EXCEL IN CHARITY DRIVE

ESSA was the only Federal agency in the greater Miami area to receive a special award for outstanding participation in the 1968 United Fund Drive. ERL's Atlantic Oceanographic Laboratories with 100 percent participation reached 244 percent of its assigned quota with an average gift of over \$45 per employee. For all of ESSA in Miami, over \$5700 was contributed--well over the assigned quota. Accepting the plaque for ESSA-Miami at a special United Fund luncheon were Dr. Harris B. Stewart representing ERL, Dr. Robert H. Simpson representing the Weather Bureau, and Lt. Merrit Walters of the DISCOVERER representing the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The plaque reads: "Outstanding Community Service Award presented to employees of ESSA by United Fund of Dade County."

ILLINOIS AIRPORT SURVEY UNDERWAY

A Coast Survey field party, headed by Junior V. Teater, is conducting a survey of Decatur (Ill.) Municipal Airport.

PALMER ADDRESSES AFRICAN SCIENTISTS

Wayne Palmer of the Environmental Data Service conducted an impromptu seminar on climatological methodology for resident and visiting ecologists and zoologists at the Serengeti Research Institute at Seronera, Tanzania, during his vacation trip to East Africa last month. The Institute staff is studying the wildlife of the Serengeti National Park in relation to the environment, of which climate is an important element.

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