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WB TO ENGAGE IN SPRING BIRD WATCHING

The Weather Bureau will help track, via radar, the spring migration of the whistling swan from the Chesapeake Bay to the nesting grounds in Northwest Canada. Weather Bureau stations at Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Akron, Detroit, and Minneapolis will take radarscope photographs from the second week in March to the second week in April. The project will be conducted at the request of the U. S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the Canadian Wildlife Service to gain an insight into the migratory habits of the bird, which weighs up to 20 pounds and constitutes a serious hazard to aviation. Scientists want to know how fast and how high the whistling swan flies, its route, and how its progress is affected by weather conditions.

FAIRWEATHER DELIVERED TO ESSA

The USC&GSS FAIRWEATHER, the second of three Class II hydrographic ships in the current ship building program, was accepted by the Maritime Administration on Jan. 31, and delivered to the Coast Survey. The Aerojet-General Shipyards, Inc., Jacksonville, Fla., has the contract to construct the ship.

ERL officials brief Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Howard P. Gates, Jr., on the latest in telecommunications developments. Left to right: Dr. C. Gordon Little, R. S. Kirby, and J.C. Owens. In back: Dr. W. F. Utlaut and Mr. Gates. Back to camera: R. S. Lawrence. The instrument in the background is a laser.



TRAUSCHKE TO HEAD LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE



Lt. Commander Robert A. Trauschke will assume the post of chief of the Coast Survey's Los Angeles Field Office in early March, following the retirement of Roy M. Sylar. Lt. Cdr. Trauschke joined the Coast Survey in 1960 after graduation from the University of Massachusetts with a civil engineering degree. He served on various Coast Survey vessels, including the USC&GS Ships WAINWRIGHT, HILGARD, EXPLORER, PATHFINDER and WHITING. His shore assignments have been in the Washington, D.C. office, and with triangulation and gravity field parties in the west. Prior to his present appointment, he was operations officer of the EXPLORER.

PLAN AHEAD FOR VACATIONS

Your supervisor will soon be asking you about your vacation plans. The Department of Commerce requires that vacation schedules be developed in advance to assure that work requirements can be satisfactorily adjusted, and that employees will not forfeit leave. A normal vacation period is at least 10 consecutive workdays. However, if you are in leave category 8 or have a large accumulation of annual leave, you may wish to plan to take more than 10 consecutive days or more than one period of absence, whichever can be more conveniently arranged.

EARTHQUAKE FATALITIES DOWN IN '67

The National Earthquake Information Center reports that earthquake fatalities in 1967 decreased by 74 percent compared to the previous year. 796 deaths occurred last year from 16 shocks in 11 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America, in comparison with 2968 deaths in 1966.

WORLD WEATHER WATCH ASSISTANCE APPROVED

A panel of the World Meteorological Organization's Executive Committee, which met Feb. 7-9 in Geneva, Switzerland, approved for circulation to members international assistance projects valued at over \$3 million to help implement World Weather Watch projects in 29 countries. The WMO Voluntary Assistance Program was set up in 1967 to assist developing meteorological services in countries where funds to finance their role in the World Weather Watch are not available from national resources, from the United Nations Development Program, or other sources. All the projects approved for assistance under the program will help strengthen the World Weather Watch chain of observations, weather data processing, and weather data exchange. The session was attended by Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator.

ESSA SCIENTISTS HONORED

Two ERL scientists, Dr. Helmut K. Weickmann, director of the Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry Laboratory, Boulder, Colo., and Dr. Joanne Simpson, chief of APCL's Experimental Meteorology Branch, Miami, Fla., were accorded the degree of Fellow by the membership of the American Meteorological Society at the recent national meeting in San Francisco.

ATS PICTURES GO OPERATIONAL

For the first time, pictures of the North and South Pacific area, taken by the Applications Technology Satellite ATS-I, were transmitted operationally from the NASA Mojave ground station to Suitland, Md., during the week of Feb. 12.

C&GS SEISMOLOGIST TRANSFERRED TO EDS

Robert P. McCarthy, formerly of C&GS' Seismology Division, has been transferred to the Environmental Data Service, to assist in planning for a seismological data and information service. Mr. McCarthy will remain at Rockville, Md., to coordinate EDS and C&GS seismological data activities and to continue his work in the quality control and processing of seismological records.

WB AIDS ROCKET TEST

The Weather Bureau team at NASA's Mississippi Test Facility, Bay St. Louis, Miss., supported the testing of another second stage of the Apollo-Saturn V rocket on Feb. 10. This stage develops 1,125,000 pounds of thrust, which is 125,000 pounds more than the previous stages tested. Meteorological support is required for the prediction of sound propagation patterns.



ESSA AT WORK

Employees in NESc's TOS Operations Center control and program ESSA spacecraft. Left to right: Pete Eyclesheimer, Margaret Miller, Al Butera, and Charles Liddick (back to camera).

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