

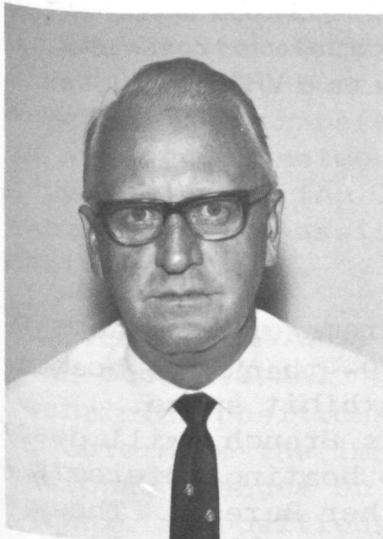
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RICHARD QUILL, ESSA OFFICIAL, DIES



Richard O. Quill, ESSA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services since 1967, died Saturday, Jan. 4 in Severna, Md., after a long and distinguished career in government service.

Born Aug. 3, 1915, in Werner, North Dakota, Mr. Quill attended the University of North Dakota and George Washington University.

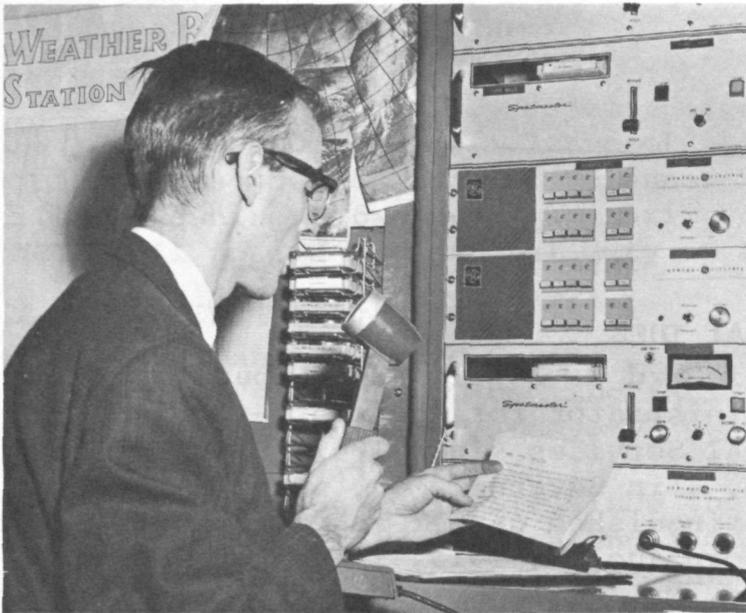
He joined the Department of Agriculture as a clerk in 1939, and the War Production Board as an administrative analyst in 1941. He went to the Office of Price Administration as a field personnel officer in 1942, and enlisted in the Army the following year.

After discharge from the Army in 1945, Mr. Quill joined the Office of Military Government in Germany as an executive officer, and in 1945 went to the agency's Berlin office as Chief of Secretariat. In 1947, he became budget officer and program coordinator for the Philippine War Damage Commission, serving until 1950 when he joined the United Nations' Korea Reconstruction Agency in 1952. In 1958, he joined the Department of Commerce, becoming Associate Chief of its Budget Division.

Mr. Quill became Deputy Director of ESSA's Office of Administration in 1965. In 1966, he was appointed an executive assistant to the Administrator, and in 1967 became Deputy Assistant Administrator.

ERL CENTER AIDED APOLLO 8 FLIGHT

During the Apollo 8 flight to the moon, ERL's Space Disturbances Forecast Center at Boulder, Colo., kept a close and continuous watch on the sun as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's global Solar Particle Alert Network. The space environment console at Apollo Mission Control in Houston, Tex., which was manned around the clock, received solar forecasts and space disturbance warnings from the Forecast Center.



Weather Bureau forecaster cuts a tape for continuous play on a VHF radio station.

ESSA TO EXHIBIT AT BOAT SHOWS

The ESSA story will be presented to hundreds of thousands of recreational and commercial boatmen in 1969--thanks to boat show managers in nine cities who have donated exhibit space.

The exhibits, produced by ESSA's Graphics Branch, will describe the marine and weather services offered to boating interests by the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Weather Bureau. These will include nautical charts, tide tables, current tables, tidal current charts, VHF-FM radio weather, safe navigation and weather rules, and coastal display warning systems. Catalogs and descriptive literature will be available to show-goers.

Cities and dates for the shows are as follows:

San Francisco (Cow Palace), Jan. 10-19; New York City (Coliseum), Jan. 22-Feb. 2; Houston (Astrodome Complex), Jan. 23-28; Baltimore (Fifth Regiment Armory), Feb. 1-9; Boston (War Memorial Auditorium), Feb. 8-16; Washington, D. C. (D.C. Armory), Feb. 15-23; Miami (Miami Beach Convention Hall), Feb. 21-26; Chicago (International Amphitheater), Mar. 21-30; and New Orleans (Rivergate Auditorium), Mar. 29-Apr. 6.

ANTARCTIC MOUNTAIN NAMED FOR ERL PHYSICIST

Richard F. Przywitowski, ERL physicist, has been notified by the National Science Foundation that an Antarctic mountain has been named for him. Mr. Przywitowski recently returned from his second wintering-over assignment in the Antarctic at McMurdo where he again served as station scientific leader. A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, he joined ESSA as a member of the Antarctic field party in 1966. Between trips to the Antarctic, he is assigned to the ERL Aeronomy Laboratory.

HUNTOON NAMED TO NEW POST

James K. Huntoon, Executive Assistant in the ESSA Office of Aviation Affairs, has been appointed special assistant to the Director of the Weather Bureau's Executive and Technical Services Staff. Mr. Huntoon's position will be the focal point within the Bureau and point of contact with staff offices in the innovation and establishment of new concepts of automated manpower systems, manpower planning programs, career systems, and labor relations policies and programs to meet the professional and changing needs of the Weather Bureau. A former weather officer in the U.S. Army Air Force, Mr. Huntoon joined the Weather Bureau in 1947 at Los Angeles. He transferred to Weather Bureau headquarters in 1960 as a research meteorologist. In 1962, he was named assistant for development in the Office of Aviation Services. In 1964, he became executive assistant to the Director, Office of Aviation Weather Affairs.

MET TECH STANDARDS STUDY UNDERWAY

An occupational standards review of ESSA's meteorological technician positions is underway. The purpose of the review is to determine the impact of a decade of technological and organizational changes on the classification of ESSA's meteorological technician positions. The study will also encompass the qualifications required to successfully carry out the work. Basic information will be obtained through the use of sampling questionnaires and job audits. Prior to final adoption, a draft of any revisions to the standards will be widely distributed to employees, supervisors, and employee organizations for comment and suggestions.

KUNCIS TO RECEIVE COMMERCE BRONZE MEDAL



Willard A. Kuncis, chief of the Coast Survey's Airport Survey Section, will receive the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal on Jan. 13 for outstanding service. Mr. Kuncis will be cited "for outstanding cartographic and photogrammetric performance in furthering the Airport Obstruction Charting Program of the Coast and Geodetic Survey." After serving briefly with the Veterans Administration, he joined the Coast Survey in 1943. He also served in the Army Corps of Engineers, and in that capacity taught photo-mapping at Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Army personnel and to the Iranian army.



Capt. Howard S. Cole (right) congratulates Rear Adm. Allen L. Powell, new Director of the Coast Survey's Atlantic Marine Center, in a change of command ceremony held Jan. 2.

WEST TEXAS STATIONS WIN CONTEST

Heads of WB stations in west Texas were recognized in Lubbock on Jan. 7 for excellence in timeliness and value of weather information furnished to the public through the news media. Competing against groups of WB stations in nine other states and three other sections of Texas, the six offices in the west Texas group were selected the winners by a board of independent judges. In second place were the weather stations in Mississippi, and in third place were those in the north Texas group. In recognizing the west Texas stations, Weather Bureau Southern Region Director W. L. Thompson cited them for "excellence of copy on the ESSA Weather Wire, thereby enhancing its suitability to use by the news media and its ultimate value to the using public." Weather Bureau stations in the award-winning group and their heads are: Charles M. Crouch, Amarillo; Shreves C. Goodwin, Del Rio; Harold L. Frost, Lubbock; Oliver H. Newton, Lubbock Agricultural Advisory Office; James E. Lunney, Midland; and Ottis C. Bobbitt, San Angelo.

DISTRIBUTION DIVISION HAS NEW ADDRESS

Offices of the Coast Survey's Distribution Division (C44) moved on Jan. 10 from Bldgs. 1 and 2, Rockville, Md., to Bldg. 11 at 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The new telephone number for the Distribution Division offices is code 154-7352. Non-government calls are on area code 202-362-4040, extension 7352.

DATA TO TEST COMPUTER REDUCTION OF UPPER-AIR DATA

The Weather Bureau's Data Acquisition Division has initiated plans to conduct a three-month test program using time-shared computers for reduction of rawinsonde data. The ESSA Computer Division is acquiring terminal equipment and plans to train one observer from the John F. Kennedy Airport upper-air unit in computer operations by the end of January. The test is scheduled to begin in early February.



LT. CDR. SWANSON HEADS RESEARCH GROUP

Lt. Cdr. R. Lawrence Swanson has been named acting chief of the Coast Survey's Research Group in the Office of Hydrography and Oceanography, succeeding Steacy D. Hicks, who will continue as chief of the Oceanography Division. Lt. Cdr. Swanson has been engaged in graduate studies in oceanography at Oregon State University. He will assume his new position in March.

MARSHALLS PROPOSED FOR TROPICAL EXPERIMENT

The Marshall Islands in the western Pacific have been proposed as a site for intensive study of tropical atmospheric processes in the 1970's. The National Center for Atmospheric Research is developing plans for the research-oriented experiment which is part of the Global Atmospheric Research Project (GARP). The purpose of the experiment is to improve understanding of the atmosphere in the tropics by large-scale collection of surface and upper-air data over tropical oceanic areas. The weather study in the Marshalls will involve 15 stations. An initial survey trip is planned for early this year to study observational sites and to collect information on logistics and financial requirements. Jack Cobb, Pacific Region upper-air specialist, will serve as the Weather Bureau representative.

SURVEY PARTY GOES SOUTH

A Coast Survey field party, headed by Eugene T. Ogilby, will conduct a two-week survey of Page Field, Fort Myers, Fla., beginning January 13.

STRUB SELECTED TWIN CITIES MIC

Joseph H. Strub, Jr., has been named meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau Forecast office at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where he had been principal assistant for the past four years. Prior to that, he was hydrologist and acting State Climatologist for the area for 11 years. Mr. Strub has also had WB assignments at Dubuque and Des Moines, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Nebr. He entered the Weather Bureau service at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1947 and, in 1965, received the Department of Commerce Silver Medal for his outstanding flood warning activities during the record-breaking, destructive snowmelt flood on the Upper Mississippi River and its Minnesota and Wisconsin tributaries that year.

SCHWERDT TO EDIT EDS WEATHER LOG



Richard Schwerdt, who recently received a master's degree in meteorology from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., is the newly appointed editor of the Environmental Data Service's Mariners Weather Log. Issued bimonthly, this periodical provides environmental information for the maritime industry, as well as serving as a contact with the cooperative observers aboard merchant ships. Before going to Tallahassee, Mr. Schwerdt was a meteorologist at the EDS' National Weather Records Center, Asheville, N. C.

ERL SCIENTIST AID ESTUARINE SERVICE

Donald V. Hansen, physical oceanographer at ERL's Atlantic Oceanographic Laboratories and an international authority on estuarine hydrodynamics, was recently called to Washington, D. C., as a consultant to the Coast Survey's Estuarine Flushing and Nontidal Current Prediction Service. The purpose of the conference was to complete plans for the first oceanographic cruise of the recently commissioned USC&GS Ship FERREL, scheduled to be conducted in the Penobscot River and Bay estuary of Maine in the spring.

ICE ISLAND PROGRAM TO CONTINUE

The Office of Naval Research, sponsor of the meteorology program conducted by the Weather Bureau on Ice Island T-3, has proposed that the program continue through FY 1970. Robert D. Grass of ERL is presently at T-3 to install equipment and instruct the staff in a program where combination ozonesonde/radiometersonde instruments will be flown on a weekly basis. Charles L. Roberts, Jr., of the Overseas Operations Division, will visit the station soon to install surface equipment to measure incoming, reflected, and net radiation. Canada has agreed to evaluate and publish the data.

SEAL TO HEAD MISS. WEATHER UNIT

Kenneth B. Seal has been selected meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau group at NASA's Mississippi Test Facility. He was formerly assigned to the Cape Kennedy Section of the Spaceflight Meteorology Group.

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL GETS ESSA DONATION

A drive at ESSA headquarters to raise money during the Christmas season for Children's Hospital in Washington, D. C., ended successfully with a gross receipt of \$62.00. The drive, spearheaded by Gene Michael, budget coordinator on the staff of the Coast Survey's Executive and Technical Services staff, will be repeated next year. Santas, santa helpers, and photographers participating in the charitable event were: Elaine Cardone, Betty Thompson, Chris Hyde, Ens. Philip D. Hitch, Jackie Phillips, Wally Heinbaugh, Joyce Drescher, Robert Orosz, and Salvatore Caltabiano.

RETIREMENTS

Cecil D. Clayton, aviation forecaster, Salt Lake City Weather Bureau Forecast Office, retired on Jan. 11, after 30 years' service. Most of Mr. Clayton's assignments have been in Salt Lake City. During World War II, he served as an Air Force weather officer.

Eldon R. Etier, meteorologist in charge of the Winslow, Ariz., Weather Bureau office, is retiring Jan. 13, after 31 years of Federal service. Mr. Etier began his WB career in 1941 at Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a junior observer. He has been assigned at the Winslow office since 1964.

LOS ANGELES WEATHERMAN DIES

Reginald B. Meyer, aviation forecaster, Los Angeles Weather Bureau Forecast Office, died Dec. 21. Mr. Meyer entered the Weather Bureau in 1947, and all his assignments were in the Los Angeles area.



COAST SURVEY ENGINEER RETIRES

Thomas J. Hickley, who was for many years the top-ranking civilian engineer in the Coast Survey, retired on Jan. 11 after 34 years with the agency. Mr. Hickley was chief of the Engineering Division until the formation of the Office of Systems Development last year, when he was named Director of the Engineering Development Laboratory. He has assisted in the development and invention of techniques and systems employed by the Coast Survey. Most recently he guided the development of a successful underwater platform for making geophysical measurements in the deep ocean. Mr. Hickley was awarded the Department of Commerce Gold Medal last October.

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