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## Hurricane Film Has Washington Premiere



ESSA's new color film "Hurricane!" -- produced in cooperation with Aetna Life and Casualty -- had its premiere showing June 5 at the Smithsonian's Museum of History and Technology. More than 100 representatives of the news media, Commerce, ESSA, and Aetna officials attended the reception and premiere. The 27-minute film, introduced by Under Secretary of Commerce Rocco C. Siciliano (left above), and John A. Hill (right), President of Aetna Life and Casualty, is designed to acquaint the public with the dangers of hurricanes and to emphasize the safety precautions which can reduce deaths and injuries.

## ESSA Corps Observes 52nd Anniversary

The ESSA Commissioned Corps celebrated its 52nd anniversary May 24. Speakers for the occasion included Rear Admiral Harley D. Nygren, ESSA Associate Administrator; Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey; and Rear Admiral Robert W. Knox, retired Deputy Director of the Coast Survey.

## A Message from the Associate Administrator

We are now entering the last weeks of the Savings Bonds Campaign. This effort, as you know, has been strongly endorsed by the President, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of ESSA. From a cold economic standpoint, there may be better financial investments in these times of high interest rates, but the automatic savings and growth factors have caused these bonds to be exceedingly valuable to many who would not otherwise have had any savings program. This, plus the fact that the government needs our help, makes participation worthwhile.

*Harley D. Nygren*

## Tribus Tours Boulder Facilities

Dr. Myron Tribus, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology, recently visited the Commerce facilities at Boulder, Colo., on a four-day round of discussions with Dr. George S. Benton, Director of the ESSA Research Laboratories, and other senior staff members of the organizations.



Left to right: Assistant Secretary Tribus and ERL-Director Benton

## Pacific Region Expands User Services

Four forecasters have been designated "program specialists" for the major user-service programs of the Weather Bureau's Pacific Region. The objectives of this effort are to maintain and improve liaison with specific user groups, maintain more up-to-date information on changing user requirements, and to develop improved applied forecasting techniques. The program specialists are Clarence B. H. Lee for public weather service, Jack D. Bottoms for marine, Frank Makosky for aviation, and Robert Vasek for agricultural weather service.

## Frost Cited for Denver Community Service

Robert T. Frost, ERL executive officer, received the Denver Federal Executive Board Honor Award on May 16. The award is given to a Federal employee whose services, outside the requirements of his position, enhance the prestige of government employment within the community and best exemplify the aims of the Federal service. Mr. Frost's community activities include co-leader of a 4-H horse club, adult advisor on the Boulder County 4-H Council, and chairman of the 4-H Horse Projects Leaders Council which has the responsibility for policy and program planning for countywide activities involving more than 250 members.

## Courtney Wins ESSA Corps Award



Lieutenant (j.g.) John B. Courtney received the second ESSA Commissioned Officer Annual Career Motivation Award at the ESSA Commissioned Corps' 52nd anniversary observance on May 24. The award is given annually to an ESSA junior officer in recognition of outstanding contributions to career

motivation. Lt. (j.g.) Courtney entered the commissioned corps in 1967. His assignments have included duty at the Atlantic Marine Center, and on the USC&GS Ships LESTER JONES and PATHFINDER. He is presently serving with the Pacific Tide Party.

## California Geodetic Survey Ends

A four-month geodetic survey, being carried out by a 17-man Coast Survey field party, is nearing completion in California along a 300-mile route extending from Santa Margarita to Cordelia. The program is part of a resurvey of the national net, which was begun along the Atlantic coast in 1964, and is being gradually expanded by similar parties that work in the northern states in summer and the southern states in winter.

## Regus Reps/WXAP Chiefs Meet



Regional User Services Representatives and Weather Analysis and Prediction Division chiefs held a joint meeting at Western Region headquarters, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2-6. Pictured at left are REGUS REPS Arthur Hosick, Central Region; Lloyd Magar, Western Region; Gerald Shak, Eastern Region; and Carl Reber, Southern Region. Shown at right are WXAP representatives Walter Seibert, Eastern Region; Harold Scott, WBH; Halbert Root, Western Region; Allen Flanders, Office of Hydrology, WBH; Robert Black, Agriculture Services, Western Region; John Riley, Jr., Southern Region; and Raymond Belknap, Chief, Operations Division, Pacific Region. Others attending the session were: Robert Baskin, Chief, WXAP Branch, Central Region; Robert Beebe, Industrial Meteorologist, WBH; Edward Vernon, Chief, WXAP Division, WBH; and Herbert S. Lieb, Deputy Director, ESSA Public Information.

## Incentive Awards Program To Change

The Civil Service Commission has announced changes in the Government-wide Incentive Awards Program affecting both suggestion and performance awards. Improvements, effective July 1, include a higher minimum award for adopted suggestions, a Government-wide scale for awards for special achievement, and use of normal management reviews to identify outstanding program results that merit performance awards.

In its new instructions, the Commission has:

(1) recommended that agencies concentrate the employee suggestion program on ideas that contribute directly to economy, efficiency, or increased effectiveness of operations;

(2) raised the minimum standard that must be met to earn a suggestion award and raised the amount of the minimum award to \$25.

Employees will benefit from these changes by receiving larger awards for their economy suggestions. Agencies will benefit in having the suggestion program targeted on ideas that conserve man-hours, supplies, and equipment, and on ideas that carry out the mission more effectively.

Ideas on employee services or benefits, working conditions, or buildings and grounds will not be handled within the suggestion program, but will be sent directly to appropriate administrative officials, such as general services manager, safety officer, etc. Suggestions of this nature which produce particularly significant benefits can still be recognized by special achievement awards if recommended by the evaluating official.

The higher standard for suggestions requires benefits to the Government of at least \$250 to earn the minimum \$25 award. By raising the standard, the significance of the award will be greater to both the award winner and the agency.

The Commission has recommended that Special Achievement Awards be based on superior program results that are iden-

tified in periodic management reviews, as well as through supervisory performance evaluations. Other changes related to special achievement awards include:

(1) development of a Government-wide scale for superior job performance;

(2) adoption of the general term "special achievement award" to cover all types of awards other than for adopted suggestions;

(3) establishment throughout the Federal service of honorary recognition awards for the contributions private citizens make to Government.

By basing "special achievement awards" on management reviews, employees who have contributed to superior program results will be more readily identified and recognized. Supervisors will be further encouraged to consider recognizing the special achievements of their employees as part of their responsibility in making performance evaluations. As a result, many more deserving employees will be identified and recognized, and their achievements will be easier to describe and understand when related to program results.

The use of the term "special achievement award" in place of the terms sustained superior performance award or special act or service award will reduce misunderstanding and overlap that formerly existed with the variety of terms.

The honorary awards for citizens will provide an opportunity to recognize the contributions of citizens who improve Government operations or programs.

Changes in the incentive Awards Program are intended to more effectively encourage employees to contribute to improved Government operations by providing a more equitable system for recognizing employees who do more than the job requires. Strengthening the program will give added meaning and prestige to the awards granted to employees for imaginative application of their skills and ideas.

### Southern Region Climatologists Meet

State Climatologists in the Weather Bureau's Southern Region met with Claude K. Vestal, Regional Climatologist, and H. B. Harshbarger, EDS Director of Field Services, at regional headquarters, June 3-5.

### Survey Set for Denver Airport

An airport survey party, headed by Darrell L. Wright, will conduct a two-week field survey of Chadron (Nebr.) Municipal Airport during June.

## Earthquake Brochure Off the Press

### EARTHQUAKES



"Earthquakes," a new two-color, 16-page brochure in the ESSA/PI series is being distributed within the agency. The heavily illustrated publication describes how, why, and where earthquakes occur and how they are detected and rated as to size and severity. Earthquake safety rules are also included. The booklet is for sale at 30 cents a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

## Brazilian Mapping Officials Visit C&GS

On May 28, eight Brazilian mapping officials visited the Coast and Geodetic Survey headquarters for briefings in the program areas of satellite triangulation, geodesy, photogrammetry, and aeronautical charting and cartography. The officials, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Richard I. Crawford, Project Director, and Felix J. Rabito, Project Engineer, Inter-American Geodetic Survey, were: General Belchior, President, Mixed Mapping Commission; General Chagas, Director, Servicio Geografico do Exercito, SGE; Colonel Doria, Technical Advisor, Mixed Mapping Commission; Lt. Colonel Alcy, Executive Officer, SGE; Dr. Ferrari, Director, Geodetic and Topographic Division, Instituto Brasileiro Geografico, IBG; and Dr. Tavora, Director, Administrative Division, IBG. Captain Fonseca, Commander Xavier, and Commander Bakker of the Brazilian Navy were briefed the following day on ship facilities, ship capabilities, and the areas in which the ships are working. A prototype of the tsunami sensor, accoustical devices, various types of current meters, pressure housings, and a deep-sea gage were shown by the Engineering Laboratory. The bathymetric charts of the Marine Chart Division were of particular interest since Brazil is considering some type of small craft chart.

## NHC Employees Compete for Federal Awards

William McGehee, National Hurricane Center aviation forecaster, was one of five finalists in Miami's 5th Annual Federal Employee of the Year awards program. Mr. McGehee was entered as an Outstanding Professional Employee. William C. Cook, Jr., also of NHC, was entered as an Outstanding Technical Administrative Employee. The awards program is sponsored by the Greater Miami Federal Executive Council.

## Service Awards

The following WB Eastern Region employees are due to receive length-of-service awards during April, May, and June. 20 years - Raymond P. Young, Boston, Mass.; James W. Jenkins, Asheville, N.C.; Edwin Plunkett, Roanoke, Va.; John B. Page, Washington, D.C.; Clifton F. Tisdale, Boston, Mass.; Dorothy W. Kozak, Trenton, N.J.; and William E. Maldoon, Boston, Mass.

Washington-area ESSA employees eligible for length-of-service awards during May and June are: 40 years - Charles M. Lennahan. 35 years - Agnes B. Erkens and William H. Leimbach. 25 years - Rear Admiral Harley D. Nygren, Florence M. Gallo, Constance E. Mottaz, Pauline B. Gottwals, Charles C. Uhl, Bill Wargo, Rosemary E. Riordan, Georgia M. Campbell. 20 years - Leroy A. Perkins, Robert J. McCann, Robert W. Whipple, Lillian C. Langdon, Robert L. Ellis, Benjamin Green, Masaru Hamada, Searl Richards, James Annis, and Joseph Debalski.

Sidney Henderson of the Coast Survey's Alaska Field Office - 25 years.

## Forecasters Complete Meteorology Course

Weather Bureau forecasters graduating from the one-semester agricultural meteorology session at Texas A&M University included James Fling, Fort Smith, Ark.; Edward Johnson, Louisville, Ky.; and Rufus Crosby, Montgomery, Ala.

## Capt. Doran, Retired C&GS Official, Dies

Captain Philip C. Doran, former chief of the Coast Survey's Geodesy Division, died June 4. Capt. Doran retired in 1956.

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