

# ESSA NEWS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

## A Message From the Administrator

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be created within the Department of Commerce early this month, the Congress willing. ESSA will be abolished and its men, women, and facilities will become a major part of the new Administration.

A reorganization of this nature, involving the merger of agencies from several Federal departments, cannot help but raise the question in the minds of those who will be affected: what does the future hold for me?

Although ESSA as a Federal Administration will disappear, the responsibilities it has undertaken will, if anything, be enlarged. The joining of marine and atmospheric functions should be welcomed by oceanographer and meteorologist alike; considering the indivisibility of the environment, it can result only in wider horizons for science and service. Although the new Administration's name does not specifically include the earth sciences, the role ESSA has played in this field will be continued and expanded.

I should like to assure the ESSA family that your management will be involved in all major decisions concerning the organization and operation of NOAA, and that those decisions will be taken with a view to enhanced rather than diminished effort.

During the coming period of transition, I am asking all ESSA employees to serve with the same sense of purpose and the same dedication as in the past. Information about changes, and new instructions, will be given as promptly and clearly as possible.

Our organization has been in existence for five years, although its major components have long and rightly respected traditions of science and service. As the ESSA family, you have been in the vanguard of the Nation's environmental effort. Be proud of the record you have written, and let us face the future, not with apprehension, but with eagerness.

*Robert M. White*

## Rear Admiral Waters To Aid Commerce in NOAA Formation

Rear Admiral Odale D. Waters, former Oceanographer of the Navy, by agreement between the Department of the Navy and the Department of Commerce, will be assigned for the next three months to assist the Department of Commerce in the initial stages of the formation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Rear Admiral Waters was instrumental in establishing the Navy's new oceanographic program in 1966 with full responsibility for all of the Navy's oceanographic programs, including basic and applied research, ocean engineering, and fleet support.



## Oceanographers Study Pacific Sea-Floor

Oceanographers aboard the USC&GS Ship OCEANOGRAPHER will spend three weeks in October investigating a 400,000-square-mile area of the western Pacific sea-floor for new evidence on the evolution of the Pacific Basin. The scientists hope to shed additional light on the formation of the Basin by studying ancient and newer crustal plate boundaries and their relationship to various Pacific bottom features, such as undersea mountain ranges and massive fractures in the sea bed. The area being studied is about 2,000 miles northwest of Hawaii and extends north to within approximately 800 miles of Siberia's Kamchatka Peninsula. The chief scientist of the project will be Barrett H. Erickson. He will be accompanied by research oceanographer Frederic P. Naugler, and oceanographers Lt. David K. Rea and S. Peter Perry.

## ASPA Conference Slated for October

The National Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration will hold its annual conference at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., Oct. 29-30. The conference's theme will be Getting the Job Done-Issues, process, People. For further information, contact Ray Atteberry or Fred Bren, U.S. Civil Service Commission, telephone 632-5647 or IDS code 101-25647.

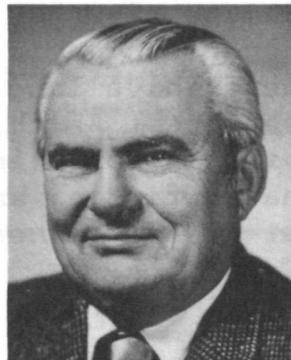
## Forest Fires Rage in California; WB Mobile Units on Location

The Weather Bureau Western Fire-Weather Forecasters are back on the line this week as California battles the worst brush and forest fires in the state's history. By mid-week, hundreds of homes were burned and hundreds of thousands of acres of land were scorched in the southern part of the state. Western Fire-Weather Coordinator W. R. Krumm reported that all of the Bureau's mobile fire-weather units had been called to California to assist fire-fighting efforts. Manning the mobile units are: Lester P. Mallory, Richard E. Hambridge, William M. Ahl, Jr., George R. Ellis, Roger L. Hegstrom, Rex J. Hess, Charles E. Syverson, James K. Tyrrell, Albert G. Oertel, and Robert Allen.

## Cardinal and Anderson To Head WB Central Region Stations

Robert E. Cardinal of Klamath Falls, Oreg., has been selected as the new official in charge of the Green Bay, Wisc., Weather Bureau Office, replacing Herbert H. Bomalaska, who recently retired. Prior to his assignment at Klamath Falls, Mr. Cardinal served the Weather Bureau at Duluth, Minn., St. Joseph, Mo., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. During World War II, he served in the Air Force. He is expected to assume his new in-charge duties during October.

Kelly F. Anderson of Duluth, Minn., will assume official in charge duties at the Peoria, Ill., Weather Bureau Office, succeeding Robert E. Fennell, who recently transferred to Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Anderson formerly served at LaCrosse, Wisc., Rochester and International Falls, Minn., and Goodland, Kans. During World War II, he also served in the Air Force.



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