

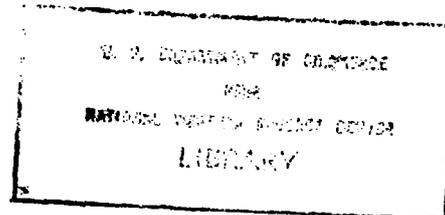
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February 1970 Proclaimed Weather Services Month

President Nixon paid tribute to the United States Weather Services on January 27, proclaiming February 1970 as United States Weather Services Month. Following is the text of the proclamation.

"On February 9, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant approved a joint resolution of Congress (16 Stat. 369) providing for meteorological observations and for giving notice of the approach and force of storms.

"In the hundred years which have intervened, meteorology and kindred atmospheric sciences have undergone phenomenal development through the skill, ingenuity, and dedication of civilian and military scientists, meteorologists, weather observers and many others serving on land, at sea, and in the air, in peace and in war. Their efforts have been aided through unswerving cooperation by the press and the radio and television industries.

"This cooperation has resulted in weather services which touch almost every American life and which provide tremendous benefits in the protection of life and property, assistance to many facets of the national economy, and daily contributions to the public welfare and convenience.

"Today, the United States is working diligently with many other nations toward a World Weather Watch which, through increased understanding and use of our environmental resources, will provide vastly improved weather services for the entire world.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of February 1970, as United States Weather Services Month; and I urge our institutions and organizations, public and private, and our citizens, to recognize the achievements of the past century and to offer appropriate appreciation and support for this vital national function on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth."

C&GS Observes Anniversary

Open House will be held at Coast and Geodetic Survey headquarters in Rockville, Md., Feb. 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., to mark the 163rd anniversary of the agency's founding in 1807. The Director, Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, and Staff will greet attendees in Room 1018, Bldg. 1, and refreshments will be served in the Conference Room across from the Director's office. All Coast Survey employees, including retired personnel, and friends are invited to attend.

Weather Services Star on "Today" Show

The "Today" show is devoting an hour of program time, February 9, from 7 to 8 a.m. EST, to discuss the past, present, and future contributions of the United States Weather Services. The first half hour, as presently planned, will cover the first 100 years of United States weather services; the second half will look to the future of these services.

A Letter From the Secretary

Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, received a personal letter of appreciation on January 22 from Maurice H. Stans, Secretary of Commerce, stating:

"As we complete the Administration's first year in office, I want to express my personal appreciation for your splendid contribution to the Department's program of service to the nation.

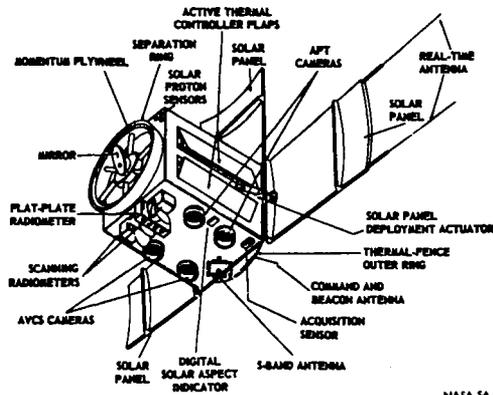
"We have completed a year of accomplishment, and I know you join me in looking forward to the continuing challenge of good government which lies ahead."

BOMAP Office Moves to New Quarters

The Barbados Oceanographic and Meteorological Analysis Project (BOMAP) office will relocate to Room 300, North Bethesda Office Center, 11420 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, effective February 2. The new telephone number is 496-8871.

NASA's TIROS M Launched From Western Test Range

TIROS M CONFIGURATION



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's TIROS M spacecraft was successfully launched from the Western Test Range, Lompoc, Calif., January 23 at 6:31 EST. The spacecraft--a prototype of the Improved TIROS Operational Satellite (ITOS) will become the vehicle for ESSA's operational weather satellite system.

TIROS M and the first three spacecraft in the ITOS series will include the following sensors: 1) two Advanced Vidicon

Camera Systems (AVCS); 2) two Automatic Picture Transmission (APT) systems; 3) two dual-channel Scanning Radiometer systems; 4) a low-resolution Flat Plate Radiometer; and 5) a Solar Proton Monitor.

The NASA satellite combines in one vehicle the Automatic Picture Transmission and the global picture storage capabilities that require the launch of separate spacecraft in the present operational system. Thus, fewer launches will be needed to keep the system operational.

The Scanning Radiometer systems will provide data in both visible and infrared channels. The infrared data--the first to be available on an operational basis--can provide cloud pictures at night as well as during the day.

The addition of nighttime observations to the operational system will extend satellite coverage of the earth's weather to a truly global basis. With nighttime picture coverage, the entire earth will be observed twice each day by both stored and direct readout systems.

The ITOS spacecraft, unlike the existing operational satellite, is large enough to hold additional sensors.

Eleven ESSA Employees Honored at Awards Ceremony



Dr. William L. Smith (center) accepts award from Dr. White as Mr. Johnson, NESC Director, looks on.



William Sullivan (right), Director of the Prince Georges County (Md.) Red Cross Blood Program, presents award to James I. Elliott.

Eleven Washington-area ESSA employees were honored in an awards ceremony held January 28 at ESSA headquarters. Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, made the presentations.

Mrs. Julia H. Bankovsky, supervisory operating accountant in the ESSA Finance Division, received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal "for dedicated service and valuable contributions to the accounting operations of ESSA."

Mrs. Lucille R. Williams, supervisory distribution assistant in the Coast Survey's Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography, Distribution Division, was awarded the Commerce Bronze Medal "for outstanding leadership through the initiation and implementation of progressive chart distribution policies."

Kendall L. Svendsen, chief of the Analysis Branch of the Coast Survey's Office of Seismology and Geomagnetism, was awarded the Bronze Medal "for his outstanding ability and accomplishment in promoting international cooperation in the field of geophysics."

During the same ceremony, three Weather Bureau employees received 40-year length-of-service awards.

Robert E. L. Blumenauer, engineering technician in the Bureau's Engineering Division, joined the agency in 1936 at Trenton, N. J., as a junior observer, and transferred to the Washington area that same year.

Thomas L. Gibson, meteorologist in the Analysis and Prediction Division, started his Weather Bureau career in 1930 at Fort Worth as a minor observer. His other assignments were at Dallas, Tex.; Charlotte, N.C.; Birmingham, Ala.; Swan Island, W.I.; Jackson, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; Denton and Amarillo, Tex.

Harold B. Cole, meteorologist in the Systems Development Office, joined the Bureau at Chattanooga, Tenn., as a junior observer in 1930, where he served until he transferred to Bureau headquarters in 1941.

The most humane award went to James I. Elliott, communications specialist in the Bureau's Communications Division, for his enthusiastic participation in the Red Cross Blood Program. Mr. Elliott has contributed a total of 11 gallons (88 pints) of blood to the program. He recently received a commendation from the Prince Georges County (Md.) Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Others receiving awards and certificates were: Dr. William L. Smith, chief, Radiation Branch, Meteorological Satellite Laboratory, NESC; Harold Woolf, research meteorologist in the Development Division of the Weather Bureau's National Meteorological Center; Mrs. Dianne N. Wright, illustrator in the Visual Services Branch, and Mrs. Willeta E. Holladay, secretary in the Special Staff Group, Administrative Operations Division.

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WESCENT Field Activities

Arizona Governor Jack Williams issued a proclamation on WESCENT, Jan. 23. Phoenix MIC Bob Ingram accepted the proclamation on behalf of all participating agencies and the American Meteorological Society. The Mayors of Phoenix and Prescott, Ariz., will soon issue proclamations for their cities.

The first full page of publicity on WESCENT was published in THE STATE, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 4.

A 35 mm slide that depicts both sides of the WESCENT medal has been mailed to all commercial TV stations for use on weather shows.

To commemorate the National Weather Services Centennial, the Los Angeles Weather Bureau Forecast Office will participate in a display to be featured in the lobby of State Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Los Angeles, from February 9 to March 6. The exhibit is expected to attract between 12,000 and 20,000 visitors.

The Mayor of Williamsport, Pa., has signed a proclamation to be issued for his city on Feb. 9.

The January 18 edition of the OAKLAND TRIBUNE carried two half-page articles on WESCENT.

Management Systems Conference Held

The second annual Management Systems Conference, attended by top administrative representatives from each of ESSA's Management Control Centers and all Administrative and Technical Services Division chiefs, was held at ESSA headquarters, Jan. 6-8. The theme of the conference was "Management Control Center Problems with Administrative Systems." Opening comments were made by Dr. White, ESSA Administrator; Mr. Gleiter, Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services; and Mr. Page, Chief, Management Systems Division. Dr. White set the conference tone by noting that part of the dilemma of today's complex society is one of establishing and maintaining the kinds of systems needed to run large organizations, and still retain the dignity, humanity and sensitivity that must enter in the personal relationships among people.

Captain Borden, Retired Commissioned Officer, Dies

Captain Frank S. Borden, a member of the original group that formed the Commissioned Corps of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, died January 26 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Captain Borden joined the Coast Survey in 1917 and retired in 1948.

WESCENT Banquet Reservation

Mail to:
WESCENT Dinner Committee
700 Davis Building
1629 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Reserve _____ full table(s) of 10 seats each or _____ single seat(s) for the National Weather Services Centennial Banquet, February 13, 1970.

My check for \$_____ at \$17.50 for each dinner seat is enclosed, payable to WESCENT. The pre-dinner reception is included in the price of the dinner. Seat-

ing arrangements will be made in order of receipt of checks. Tickets will be mailed prior to the dinner.

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