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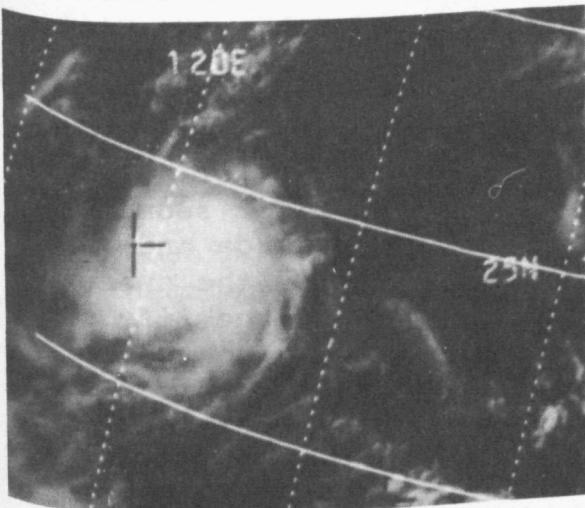
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

This week, we are observing the second anniversary of ESSA. I think we can be proud of our achievements during the past two years. We have, for example, established and maintained the world's first operational weather satellite system. We have commissioned the Nation's two most modern, automated oceanographic research vessels, the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER and DISCOVERER, and several other fine ships. We have initiated and strengthened the NADWARN system, which will significantly increase public safety in natural disasters. And we are beginning a major oceanographic research facility on the east coast of the United States.

All these contributions to man's understanding of his environment were made possible by the concerted effort and determination of ESSA's employees. With your cooperation, I am confident that we can continue to provide the finest scientific services and that, in another year, we will have many new accomplishments in which we can all take pride.

Robert M. White



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TYPHOON CLARA OVER
THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA,
JULY 11.

OPEN HOUSES MARK ESSA ANNIVERSARY

ESSA stations and ships from Pago Pago to Puerto Rico are holding open house during this anniversary week. The USC&GSS McARTHUR at Honolulu, the DISCOVERER at Boston, the Institutes at Boulder, the National Weather Records Center at Asheville, and more than a hundred Weather Bureau offices are among those welcoming public visits. On July 13, many residents of the Washington area toured the National Environmental Satellite Center and the Weather Bureau's National Meteorological Center.

CAPT. COLE TO DIRECT C&GS OPERATIONS IN ALASKA



Captain Howard S. Cole, technical assistant to the C&GS Associate Director for Seismology and Geomagnetism, will assume the post of Alaska Field Director on Aug. 1. In 36 years of service, Capt. Cole has spent more than 14 years at sea and has worked with land parties in 21 states. In 1957, he was in charge of the Honolulu Observatory, headquarters for the tsunami warning system in the Pacific.

HURRICANE HUNTERS CAN FLY OVER CUBA

A United States request for permission to fly over Cuba to make observations of tropical storms has been granted by the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The letter of permission, sent through the Swiss Embassy, specified that flight schedules must be submitted to Cuba's Air Transit Control Service and the planes must remain in radio communication with that service when they are in the area under its control, in compliance with international air transit regulations. In the past, hurricane-tracking U. S. aircraft have turned away 50 miles from the Cuban coast.

DISCOVERER TO EXPLORE UNDERSEA MOUNTAIN

The USC&GSS DISCOVERER will leave Boston July 17 for an oceanographic research expedition to the Gregg Seamount, a submerged mountain in the North Atlantic midway between Bermuda and the Grand Banks. Phenomena to be investigated include the speed and direction of ocean currents, underwater waves, marine life migration, and the seamount's effects on the underwater course of the Gulf Stream. DISCOVERER will remain over the seamount for three days and return a month later to recover instrumentation which will be placed on the submerged mountain.

OCEANOGRAPHER OBSERVES ONSET OF MONSOON

In a letter mailed in Bombay, Vice Admiral H. Arnold Karo reported that the Bombay-to-Bombay leg of the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER's scientific expedition was very successful. "We were able to obtain various sterile sea water samples from various depths and locations, bottom sediment samples and cores, and additional sea water and plankton samples for Indian scientists not making the trip."

"Incidentally," Admiral Karo wrote, "the monsoon did not break until after we had been to sea for a few days. Thus we were able to get radiosonde, bathythermograph and other data preceding the arrival of the monsoon, during the early stages of its formation, and after it had definitely arrived. We were also able to watch the various stages of its development from our APT photographs. The Indian scientists aboard (and later the Indian meteorologists ashore) and our own men were highly pleased with the data we had been able to record."

EARTHQUAKES KEEP JACK BUSY



John B. Townshend, chief of C&GS College, Alaska, Magnetic and Seismological Observatory, is known as "Earthquake Jack." When he started to leave a June 21 meeting after receiving a phone call, someone remarked: "An earthquake must be coming." Two minutes later, the first jolt was felt. During the four days after the quake, Mr. Townshend had only two hours of sleep. He was in almost continuous contact with the public and news media trying to prevent panic.

LODGE OFFICERS ATTEND LABOR RELATIONS COURSE

Donald Chamberlain and William Steele, of the C&GS Reproduction Division, recently graduated from the Institute of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University. Mr. Chamberlain is president of ESSA Lodge 2640, American Federation of Government Employees, and Mr. Steele is shop steward.

COMMERCE ART SHOW ANNOUNCED

All Washington-area ESSA employees and their spouses are eligible to enter the annual Commerce Art Show, to be held Sept. 18-30 in the Main Commerce Building. The five categories will be: (1) oils, acrylics, and collage; (2) water colors; (3) pastels, drawings, and graphics; (4) sculpture; and (5) ceramics (original work only). Rules and instructions will be distributed in August. Meanwhile, begin that work of art.

AHOY THERE, HODGSON

The atmosphere plays strange tricks. C&GS field parties use walkie-talkies to maintain contact with nearby units, but the instruments' range seldom exceeds two miles. On June 29, Party G-16 -- located on a Nevada mountain nearly two miles high -- was amazed when chief of party Carl Annis contacted and talked with Lt. Walter F. Forster II, commanding officer of the USC&GSS HODGSON, which was cruising off the coast of Washington about 700 miles away. Later the same evening, field party GS-20 at Jamestown, N. Dak., headed by Lt. (j.g.) Leonard M. Larese-Casanova, also spoke with the HODGSON.

IBANEZ NAMED OBSERVER OF THE QUARTER

Delmacio S. N. Ibanez, meteorological technician at the Guam ^{WB} office, has been named Pacific Region "Observer of the Quarter" for the first quarter of 1967. The region gives this award to the meteorological technician with the best observational performance during each quarterly period throughout the year.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due this month to the following employees in the WB Eastern Region. 30 years - Lesley M. Hobson, Cleveland. 25 years - Norman L. Canfield, ERH; Richard W. Woody, Asheville, N.C.; Salvadore Diaz, Harrisburg, Pa.; Robert T. Kurtz, JFK New York; and Ruth E. Owens, Norfolk. 20 years - Carl P. Caterino, ERH.

Central Region employees eligible for service awards in July are: 30 years - William J. Trebbe, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Milton F. Planert, Denver. 25 years - Esther Mae Culwell, Lincoln, Nebr.; Harry C. Hamlin, Muskegon, Mich.; and Henry W. Chidley, Denver. 20 years - Joseph G. Galway, Kansas City.

In the C&GS Mid-Continent Field Area, John A. Webb and Gerald C. Randall complete 30 years of service this month, and John S. Rindell and Woodrow Letchworth are eligible for 20-year pins.



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