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PALMER OBSERVATORY DEDICATED

The Alaskan Tsunami Warning System will become operational with the Sept. 2 dedication of the Palmer Seismological Observatory. The observatory, headed by geophysicist Howell M. Butler, will have a complex communication and telemetry network to connect all facilities in the Alaskan system and to permit more rapid warning of impending seismic sea waves.

C&GS EARTHQUAKE EXPERTS TRAVEL TO SOUTH AMERICA

William K. Cloud, chief of the C&GS Seismological Field Survey; Karl Steinbrugge, a structural engineer consultant to the C&GS; and Nelson Meeks, a geophysicist from the C&GS Seismological Laboratory at Albuquerque, N. Mex. are in Caracas, Venezuela to inspect damage caused by the July 29 earthquake. The technical assistance was requested by the Venezuelan government through the World Wide Disaster Fund of the Agency for International Development.

C&GS TERMINATES GEODETIC SUPPORT GIVEN AIR FORCE

The C&GS has terminated the geodetic support it has provided the Air Force's test range in the Atlantic since the early 1950's. In a letter to Adm. J. C. Tison, Jr., Vincent G. Huston, Major General, U. S. Air Force, wrote: "Only with this metric framework has it been possible for the Air Force to carry out these important activities in Space and Ballistic missiles. . . . We are indebted to you for the legacy of excellence you leave."

WB FORECASTS AT YACHT RACE

On July 4, seventy-one yachts left Los Angeles harbor for the biennial 2200-mile Transpacific race to Honolulu. WB forecasters at L.A. and Honolulu held briefings and debriefings for the racing fleet and provided Coast Guard communicators with daily surface analyses which they relayed to the competing yacht crews.

EXPLORER GETS NEW SKIPPER



Cdr. Pentti A. Stark is the new commanding officer of the USC&GSS EXPLORER. Cdr. Stark has spent most of his 17 years with the Coast and Geodetic Survey aboard 12 ships. He also served with geodetic survey parties in the West and Alaska, as officer-in-charge of a hydrographic field party in Nevada and Texas, as head of the Portland, Ore., C&GS office, and as assistant operations officer at the Atlantic Marine Center.

A PERFECT SCORE

State forecaster Lew Harney of Great Falls set a mark recently that is going to be hard to beat. On the early morning forecast, July 31, forecaster Harney scored bullseye hits on his maximum temperatures 36 hours in advance for all five stations used by Great Falls.

KEEL LAYING CEREMONIES FOR RESEARCHER

Keel laying ceremonies for the USC&GSS RESEARCHER are scheduled for Sept. 5 at the American Shipbuilding Company, Toledo, Ohio.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

Arnold Malpasse, Koror WB office Technician in Charge, has made his presence felt during his five and one-half months in the "Heart of Micronesian Charm." In the first month of his assignment Typhoon Sally arrived. She was followed by an earthquake which rocked the island. There is no evidence that would suggest that a small dark cloud accompanies Mr. Malpasse as he moves about Koror in a Jeep marked with the bold ESSA emblem.

C&GS PARTY HAS NEW CHIEF

Lt. Freddie L. Jeffries has been named Chief of Special Geodetic Party G-58 at Point Mugu, Calif., effective in December. He will serve as liaison officer with the U.S. Navy as well as chief of an eight-man geodetic unit which supports the Navy Missile Range.

HAHN HAS NEW POSITION

Walter Hahn, Director of Planning and Program Evaluation, was elected a trustee of the Washington Operations Research Council.

TOCHER INTERVIEWED ON RADIO

Dr. Don Tocher, Director of IES' Earthquake Mechanism Laboratory in San Francisco, was a guest on a half-hour radio program broadcast July 30 by station KGO. Dr. Tocher discussed the nature of fundamental research programs at the Earthquake Mechanism Laboratory, and the prospects for predicting or even modifying the occurrence of earthquakes.

NSF OFFICIAL JOINS C&GS

Max C. McLean is the new special assistant for oceanography in the Coast and Geodetic Survey Office of Associate Director, Hydrography and Oceanography. Mr. McLean, formerly with the National Science Foundation, served as assistant to the Director of Project Mohole. Among the accomplishments he is credited with is the development of a sophisticated oceanographic buoy for measuring oceanographic and meteorological phenomena which now has been donated to ESSA.

THE WELCOME MAT

The Photogrammetric Branch of the C&GS, Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, welcomes Frank P. Margiotta, Richard R. White, William S. Davis and James R. Minton to Coastal Mapping; and Linda E. Harrell to Airport Surveys.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE CLIMATOLOGIST SELECTED

Arlin E. Snider, a former meteorological officer in the Air Weather Service, has been selected to fill the new State Climatologist position at the North Dakota State University at Fargo, where he will report about the middle of August. With this appointment, 12 of the 14 State Climatologists in the Central Region are now affiliated with universities and, nationally, there are 27 State Climatologists on university campuses.

LARSEN RECEIVES BRONZE MEDAL

Rear Admiral Harold J. Seaborg, Director of the Pacific Marine Center, presented a Bronze Medal to Frederick L. Larsen during the Center's open house activities July 13. Mr. Larsen served his entire 21 years with the survey aboard the Ship PATHFINDER and was Chief Boatswain Mate at the time of his retirement last year.



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