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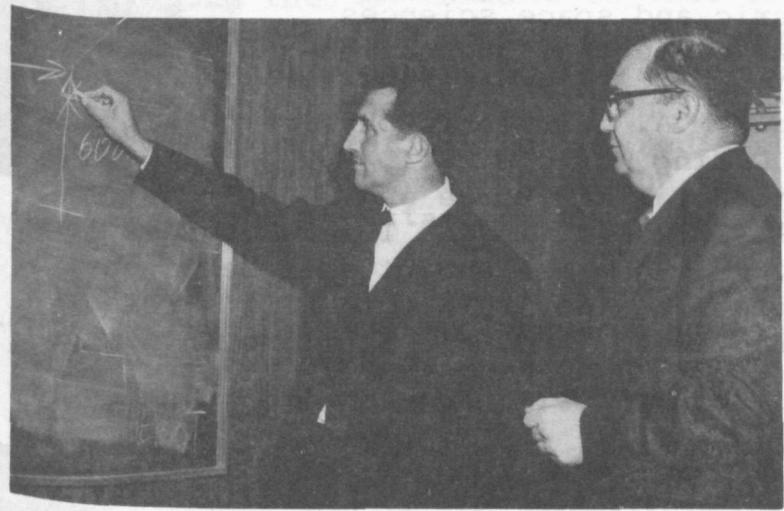
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### WAGE BOARD PAY SYSTEM REVISED

A new coordinated Federal Wage System which will cover the Government's 800,000 wage board employees in trade, craft and laboring occupations, will take effect around July 1968. The new system, when operational, will replace the many separate wage board systems now maintained by the individual agencies and departments. and will insure that trades and labor employees performing similar work in the same local wage area receive the same rates of pay in all Federal agencies. Not included at this time are positions in the Printing and Lithographic trades and members of crews of vessels.

### INTEROCEANIC CANAL STUDIES CURTAILED

Weather Bureau field operations connected with the Interoceanic Canal Studies (studies of the feasibility of excavating a sea-level canal across the American Isthmus using nuclear explosives) have been curtailed due to a lack of funds. Although the meteorology program was well within its budget and had sufficient reserve to complete the two years of planned data-gathering, the Corps of Engineers supporting costs were higher than expected resulting in the need to reprogram meteorological funds for general field support. Weather Bureau activities at two stations in eastern Panama will cease early in January, and by April 1 in northeastern Colombia. Facilities at the four jungle stations will also be abandoned.



H. Kaleff (left), senior equipment development engineer of the Israeli Meteorological Service, recently visited ESSA for briefing on the operations of the Weather Bureau. Shown at right is Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator.

### LEE NAMED KWAJALEIN MIC



John P. Lee has been named the meteorologist-in-charge of the Weather Bureau Airport Station at the Kwajalein Test Site in the Pacific. Formerly chief of the Pacific Region's Data Acquisition Division, Mr. Lee will supervise the most complex missile weather support facility operated by the WB for the Department of Defense. He joined the Weather Bureau in 1949, and came to the Pacific in 1963 after serving at Memphis, Resolute Bay and Isachsen in Canada's Northwest Territories; Macon, Ga.; and Miami. A professional member of the Amer-

ican Meteorological Society, he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and a master's degree from Memphis State University.

### BAFFIN BAY SURVEY PLANNED

A five-man C&GS party, headed by officer in charge Lt. Gerald M. Ward, will undertake the first hydrographic survey of the uncharted waters of Baffin Bay, Tex., beginning early in January. Starting from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Laguna Madre, and including all of Baffin Bay, Alazan Bay, Cayo del Grullo, and Laguna Salado, the crew will survey the waterways' basic contours, depths, and currents.

### BAILEY JOINS BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Dana K. Bailey of ESSA's Research Laboratories, Boulder, Colo., has been chosen to represent the United States as an exchange scientist observer for the British Antarctic resupply mission. Mr. Bailey will be the first U. S. scientific observer representing atmospheric and space sciences to visit the British bases since the International Geophysical Year (IGY). He is a Rhodes Scholar and earned both B.A. and M.A. degrees in physics from Oxford University. During World War II, Mr. Bailey was attached to the Royal Air Force and represented the British Air Ministry in the Inter-Services Ionosphere Bureau near London. His new assignment will be to observe and evaluate British programs as they relate to ESSA's research in the Antarctic at McMurdo, Byrd, and Pole Stations in meteorology and geophysics.



## WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM INAUGURATED AT SAN DIEGO



A new Weather Announcement Service available to the public has been inaugurated at San Diego, Calif. The service, jointly provided by the Weather Bureau and the Pacific Telephone Company, is similar in operation to weather announcement systems in Los Angeles, San Francisco and several eastern U.S. cities. Latest San Diego area weather forecasts and information prepared and compiled by WB forecasters are teletyped to Pacific Telephone's Recording Center, where trained telephone operators update the weather announcement to ensure that callers receive current information. An advanced design of announcement machine equipped with special "bargain" features offers a caller immediate cut-through to the weather recording and one full announcement before release. Pictured is San Diego's Weather Bureau meteorologist-in-charge Alfred Anderson, assisting the Pacific Telephone Operator.

(Photo by Pacific Telephone Company)

### ARE YOUR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS CURRENT?

Unless otherwise stated by the employee, the standard order of beneficiary designations are:

To your widow or widower;

If neither of the above, to your child or children in shares, with the share of any deceased child distributed among the descendants of that child;

If none of the above, to your parents in equal shares, or the entire amount to the surviving parent;

If none of the above, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the insured's estate; or

If none of the above, to the next of kin according to the laws of the state of the insured's domicile.

The above standard order covers any unpaid compensation and payments by the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance and the Civil Service Retirement System. Any changes from the standard order can be made through your personnel officer.

### **SAMOANS AWARDED TRAINING CERTIFICATES**

Eight American Samoans received Certificates of Training recently, after completing six months of training as weather technicians. The special training program, conducted by the WB's Pacific Region, was designed to train the American Samoans for Weather Bureau positions at Pago Pago. The new WB employees, all from Pago Pago, are Leloyd M. P. Acosta, Peti M. Facliu, Joe M. Fiaui, Sipili U. Fuiava, Seine A. Mulitauaoepele, Frank W. Pritchard, Jr., Mary L. Ross, and Aitofele Sagapolutele.

### **OCEO MEN AID KOREAN ORPHAN**

The men of the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER are foster parents to a seven-year-old in Seoul, Korea. Their coins in the "Orphan's Box" by the ship's store support Young Kil Lee through the WAIF Support Plan of International Social Service.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

Length-of-service awards were presented to the following Washington area employees during the second quarter of fiscal year 1968. 35 years - James Smith. 30 years - Benjamin S. Milano and Clyde L. Hughes. 25 years - C.E. Misfeldt, Charles B. Taylor, Charles W. Marsheck, Rexie A. King, Richard Merchant, Albert K. Heywood, Joseph A. Wraight, Eugene J. Voneski, Herman C. Anderson, Martin L. Gazik, Clella J. Barry, John C. Reichter, Kenneth Fichtel, Ruth F. Sheldon, James E. Caskey, Raymond Glaser, and Charles Theurer. 20 years - Helen P. Koka, Henry D. Rogers, Jr., Alexander Gibson, June M. Smith, Robert E. Haynes, William W. Berry, Anthony Malpasso, Harvey J. Klassen, Verna G. Mize, Milo J. Andre, Emily G. Sweet, James F. O'Neil, Glenn Ball, Alec Slepitz, and Leonard Vanscoy.

WB Pacific Region employees recently presented awards were: 30 years - Walter M. Smith, WBAS Pago Pago. 25 years - James A. Bartlett, WBFC Honolulu; Louis Hacker, WBFC Honolulu; Stanley J. Oborski, PRH; and Harold A. Standen, WBAS Kwajalein.

C&GS Pacific Marine Center employees receiving service awards during the latter part of December were: 25 years - Forrest K. Berg. 20 years - Clarence R. Lehman, Robert B. Melby, and James T. Stapleton.

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