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POSITIVE CONTROL EXTENDED. On June 27 the Kansas City and Denver Centers became active in the area positive control program, making a total of 14 enroute facilities now providing this type of separation to aircraft flying above 24,000 feet. Addition of these two Centers to the program--together they cover 285,000 square miles of airspace--gives 1,072,000 square miles, or approximately one-third of the nation's airspace, positive separation control. Fourteen Centers are presently in the program with eight more scheduled to participate before the end of the year. At that time the entire airspace overlying the 48 contiguous states above 24,000 feet, with the exception of the Northern Tier area and parts of New England, will have positive separation control.

TESTING IMPROVEMENTS IN FIELD ORGANIZATION. At the recent Assistant Administrators' Conference the Administrator decided to proceed with carefully selected tests aimed at improving field organization and management below the level of the regional headquarters. During the test period, which will be completed in the 1964 fiscal year, changes in regional organization will be held to a minimum. Each region will be responsible for conducting one or more tests assigned it by the Administrator.

CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE TITLES. There has been some confusion with regard to the "Deputy Administrator" titles in Washington (i.e. between THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR and Deputy Administrators for ----.) Also, Assistant Administrators in the regions frequently are asked, "Who is the Administrator in the region if you are the Assistant?" Therefore, to better describe their roles and their relationships, the following changes are made: On July 1st the titles Deputy Administrators for ---- become the Associate Administrator for Administration, the Associate Administrator for Development, and the Associate Administrator for Programs. These three Associate Administrators report to and are responsible to the Administrator, N. E. Halaby, and the Deputy Administrator Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant, both of whom are appointed by the President and serve at his pleasure. Both the Administrator and the Deputy Administrator must also be approved by the U. S. Senate. They are the final authority in the Agency and all career executives are under their direction. On August 1st the Assistant Administrators in the regions will become Regional Directors to identify them more closely with the operational responsibilities of their positions. Their authority in the regions is unchanged. Titles for the three Assistant Administrators in Washington; for Personnel and Training, Appraisal, and General Aviation Affairs, will stay the same.

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PRESIDENT DESIGNATES ADMINISTRATOR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE. In a letter assigning policy-formulating responsibility to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, President Kennedy established a high-level Interagency Committee on International Aviation Policy. The Chairman will be the Secretary of State; the Administrator of the FAA will serve as Vice-Chairman. Other members will be the Secretaries of Defense and Commerce, the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and the Administrator of the Agency for International Development. The Committee will concern itself with policy matters affecting international aviation, as distinct from the technical matters which will continue to be handled through the mechanism of the Interagency Group on International Aviation, chaired by FAA.

FORMER FBI MAN NAMED CHIEF, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION, OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY. Carl F. Maisch reported for duty as Chief, Investigations Division, Office of Compliance and Security on July 1. Maisch comes to the FAA from the U. S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations where he served as Staff Investigator. Maisch's investigative experience includes 11 years--1947 to 1958--with the FBI.

WILSON NEW CHIEF OF WESTERN AUDIT DIVISION. Melvin B. Wilson, formerly Program Manager with the Headquarters Audit Division, has been named new Chief of the Audit Division in the Western Region, replacing George E. McCamley who recently retired.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PREREQUISITES FOR PILOT'S WRITTEN TESTS. FAA has proposed prerequisites for certain pilot written examinations to curb the possible practice of "cribbing" on these tests. The proposal would require flight training or graduation from an appropriate pilot ground school course before taking the written examination for a private or commercial pilot certificate, flight instructor certificate, or an instrument rating.

SIP-8 NOW IN EFFECT. I&M's System Improvement Plan (SIP) is working up a head of steam. Nine projects have been launched in the past few months and one--SIP-8, mechanization of real property reporting, has been completed. This means that FAA's annual inventory of real property will be submitted to GSA on punch cards rather than manual forms. The changeover will result in a savings to the Agency of thousands of man hours and upwards of \$6000 annually.

CERTIFICATION CHANGE PROPOSED FOR FREE BALLOONS. A new rule to simplify certification of manned free balloons has been proposed by the Agency. It would require that the balloon envelope or gasbag be capable of withstanding a pressure of at least five times the pressure to which it is subjected in normal flight. Also required to insure landing safety would be a deflation mechanism capable of releasing 30 percent of the gas within one minute. Other provisions include a requirement for shielding of gas hot air generators to protect other parts of the balloon and the occupants from heat effects. Unmanned free balloons and moored balloons would not be affected by the proposed rule.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION. The Agency awarded a two-year research contract to Bolt, Beranek, Newman, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., to develop a method for evaluating compatibility of land use around airports with noise generated by aircraft landings and take-offs. The study will: compute noise distribution over selected airport communities; analyze airport neighborhoods through questionnaire interviews; analyze community reaction to airport noises and legal steps taken in attempts

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to control it; develop noise criteria for industrial, commercial and residential areas customarily found near airports. Study to be ready by May 1965.

FIVE CANDLES FOR NAFEC. NAFEC's 1600 FAA employees, plus another 500 who work at the installation, marked their fifth anniversary, Saturday, June 29, with a day-long, open-house program highlighted by an address by N. J. State Senator, Frank S. Farley. The guest of honor list included Joseph D. Blatt, Director, SRDS, William S. Cowart, first NAFEC Director, the mayor of Atlantic City, President of the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, and other persons prominent in aviation, industry, and government. Elements of the N. J. Air National Guard provided an aerial salute in a fly-by. Families and friends inspected displays, participated in outdoor games and contests, and wound up the day at dances in the cafeteria and club.

NEW ACCOUNTING CODES HANDBOOK. Management Services has issued Chapter I and Appendix I of the revised Accounting Codes Handbook and reports that the remaining chapters and appendixes will be ready for distribution throughout the Agency by July 31. In addition to bringing all accounting classifications and instructions for using them under one cover, the new Handbook is being simplified to facilitate classification, recording, and reporting of financial data.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LENS' ON DULLES. Dulles International will appear in a Washington-area "place-to-see" photo-text essay now being put together by National Geographic Magazine. Publication date: uncertain.

HOUSTON ARTCC FIRST TO BE DESIGNED AROUND NEW CONTROL EQUIPMENT. Archie W. League, Assistant Administrator, Southwest Region, told the Aviation Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce that the proposed Houston ARTCC would be the first in the country to be designed around the new electronic control equipment now being tested by FAA. Completion date of the Center is Jan. 1, 1965. First tests will be made at Minneapolis and Great Falls.

MIM IS PUBLISHED. An Agency Management Information Manual (MIM) intended to provide top management with a current and comprehensive view of the status and trends of major programs and operations, made its initial appearance June 7. A loose-leaf binder, containing charts arranged by subject and program, the Manual will be expanded as new material is developed.

AGENCY OFFICIALS COMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATOR. Four military officers and two Public Health officers were honored for outstanding service while assigned to duty with the FAA in a special ceremony at Washington Headquarters last Friday. Awarded Letters of Commendation by Administrator Halaby were Dr. Hilliard D. Estes, Acting Civil Air Surgeon USPHS; Dr. Bohdan G. Giel, Special Assistant, Aviation Medical Service USPHS; Commander Thomas W. Cates, Civil Aviation Defense Planning Officer, USNR; and Commander William F. Viering, Technical Assistant in International Division of Flight Standards Service, USN. Halaby also presented The Legion of Merit to Colonel Hubert A. Brandon, USAF, Chief, Aviation Intelligence Branch, International Aviation Service; and the Navy Commendation Medal to Captain Donald E. MacIntosh, USN, Deputy Director, International Aviation Service. Dr. Estes, Capt. MacIntosh, Commander Cates and Commander Viering are retiring from service. Dr. Giel and Colonel Brandon are being reassigned back to their respective services.



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WASHINGTON NATIONAL OKAYED FOR SOME JETS. The Agency has given the green light to corporate, private charter, or rental jet planes of intermediate size to use Washington National Airport. Typical of the types okayed to use the field's facilities are the four-engine JetStar and the two-engine Sabre-Liner. Still banned, however, are commercial jet passenger flights. The airport handled 36 jet flights in May.



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BOND DRIVE OFF TO GOOD START. 1963 Freedom Bond Drive is rolling along with a total Agency participation of 30%. At the last accounting, the Aeronautical Center exceeded its quota by 120% and has the enviable record of 91% employee participation. (It is only fair to state that the Center had a head start on the rest of the Agency, most of which did not get under way before mid-June.) On June 28 percentages of quotas attained were: Headquarters--35%, EA--6%, SW--34%, SO--32%, CE--38%, WE--3%, AL--25%, PC--35%, AC--220%, NAFEC--38%, National Capital Airports--14%. MS-430 is handling Headquarters and is the reporting point for the Regions, NAFEC etc. The campaign ends July 15.

NAFEC TO STUDY CRASH FIRE EFFECTS. The effects of heat and toxic fumes resulting from fire in crashed passenger aircraft, and their relation to "survivability time" will be the subject of a month-long series of tests scheduled for early September at NAFEC under joint FAA/DOD sponsorship. Key experiments will center around use of helicopters -- sync-rotary such as Kaman H-43 now used by Air Force in crash rescue work, and single and tandem rotor craft. AF has contributed five ancient KC-97's which will be configured and insulated to simulate commercial aircraft. The planes will be thoroughly instrumented to give accurate temperature and fume readings so that observers will be able to amass reliable data uninfluenced by human error on the amount of time available where lives could be saved. Airport Safety officials stress that these fires will be carefully programmed, in increasing increments of severity, culminating in a simulated major survivable crash involving fire fueled by ruptured internal tanks carrying some 4000 gallons of JP-4, plus another 1000 gallons on the ground.

"OPEN SEASON" FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS NEAR. Civil Service Commission officials, still busily polishing out the few rough spots remaining in the various hospital and medical care programs, announced this week that "Open Season" to admit additional participants into the health programs will be Oct. 1-15. Revamped programs are likely to include improved benefits and changes in rates -- but some programs will remain unchanged. Revised brochures reflecting the changes, and new printing of programs that remain the same, should be ready for distribution in second week of September.

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THIRD CONTRACT AWARDED FOR LOW COST ILS COMPONENTS. IT&T's Federal Laboratories, Nutley, N.J. have been awarded a contract to develop a glide slope and markers for a low cost instrument landing system. Previous contracts to Airborne Instrument Laboratories and Scanwell Laboratories covered development of a low cost localizer, the third component of an ILS. Cost of the new type ILS has been estimated at about one-third of the cost of a conventional one. Savings will be realized through simplified design, use of prefabricated localizer and glide slope shelters, production line techniques for installation of electronic equipment; reduced localizer output-- 15 to 10 watts as against 200--and transistorized monitors. The simplified design will represent no loss in accuracy or reliability.

HEARINGS SET FOR DUAL COMPENSATION LAWS. The Civil Service Commission again has asked Congress to overhaul the outmoded dual-compensation, dual-employment laws pertaining to the employment of retired military personnel in Federal civilian positions and the employment of Federal employees in more than one job in the Federal service. The House Civil Service Committee has scheduled July 11 as the opening date for hearings.

WAKE FIRE TRUCKS CHANGE HANDS. The Agency-operated fire department at Wake Island gained five fire trucks in a recent transaction with the Air Force but you could hardly tell it by looking, or counting. No sleight of hand involved: The Air Force which held title to the trucks but loaned them to the Agency, for a time debated the idea of "repossessing" them and removing them to another location. But the persuasive talents of Airports Service personnel prevailed and the trucks were transferred to FAA on a "non-reimbursible" basis.

PRESIDENT'S JET SETS THIRTY RECORDS FLYING TO MOSCOW: FAA THANKED. Col. James B. Swindal, USAF, Presidential Aircraft Commander who piloted President Kennedy's Air Force jet on its record-shattering nonstop flight to Moscow last May, sent a letter of gratitude to Administrator Halaby for the FAA's "outstanding support and co-operation." Air Force One, a Boeing 707 carrying a 10 man U.S. delegation to Moscow, touched down 8 hours, 38 minutes, and 42 seconds after takeoff -- the fastest flight ever made in either direction between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Also on board were a Soviet navigator and a Soviet radio operator, the usual requirements for all international flights over Soviet territory. The flight established thirty international speed records. The letter said, "The times made good...would have been completely impossible without the point to point direct clearances and radar assistance from Washington, New York, and Boston centers. Federal Aviation Agency cooperation and coordination could not have been better. The personnel of your Agency contributed directly to the success of the Washington-Moscow and return mission."

FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM BEGINS THIS MONTH. Representatives of the Office of Compliance and Security will inaugurate the OC field inspection program this month by visiting NAFEC and the Eastern Region. Scheduled to cover the entire Agency, representatives will complete the project in June 1964.



GENERAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES TO BE SURVEYED BY FAA. A nation-wide survey to determine the extent and nature of general aviation operations has been launched by the FAA. Survey questionnaires have been mailed to selected general aviation aircraft owners to obtain specific data concerning their 1962 flying operations, types of radio equipment, hours flown, fuel consumption, length of trips, cruising speeds, comparison of IFR and VFR flying hours, types of flying, etc.

FAA AERONAUTICAL ACADEMY HELICOPTER TRAINING REPORT. FAA Aeronautical Academy reports 40 Flight Standards Service inspectors and specialists successfully completed a helicopter qualification course. The number of helicopter-qualified inspectors has practically doubled as result of this training course in just over a year's time.

PERT TRAINING. Regularly scheduled training in Program Evaluation and Review Techniques (PERT) has been made available to Agency Headquarters and field officials through the establishment of a PERT orientation and training center at Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C. Participated in by several Government and industrial organizations, PERT embodies project planning, scheduling and control.

MANAGEMENT INSTITUTES GO TO REGIONS. Management Institutes for managers with responsibilities above second level supervisors but not above branch chiefs will now be conducted by regions and the Aeronautical Center in addition to Headquarters because of the backlog of applicants for the two weeks of training. The Pacific and Alaskan regions will each conduct one Institute a year; other regions, Headquarters and the Aeronautical Center two each. The Institutes concentrate on practical phases of management.

PETERS RETURNS AFTER HELPING CHILEANS WITH AERONAUTICS LAW. Charles J. Peters, Chief, Airspace and Air Traffic Branch, Office of the General Counsel, has returned from a temporary assignment in Chile where he assisted that government in drafting a proposed civil aeronautics law. Under the proposed law, control of civil aviation in Chile would be transferred from a military to a civilian agency and a separate national corporation established to provide air navigation facilities and services.

HALABY TO HOLD MICHIGAN FLY-IN. The Administrator will conduct a hangar flying session in Traverse City, Michigan, on Sunday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m. The question-and-answer session will be held in the Coast Guard hangar at the airport and all pilots in the area are invited to attend.

NEW FLYING CLUB ESTABLISHED FOR WASHINGTON EMPLOYEES. The FAA Flying Club has been incorporated and will be open to any employee of the U.S. Government and his immediate family; members of Congress, their staffs; and such other individuals as the Board of Directors may determine. The main base of operations will be Hyde Field in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Other locations will be used as membership interest and use warrants. Members will be entitled to free ground school for private, commercial, and instrument ratings. The first membership meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room - T-5.



AERO CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS. The FAA Aero Club, now in its second year of teaching FAA Headquarters employees how to fly, has elected its new officers for the next year. They are: President, William C. Andrews; Vice-President, Roy Skahill; Treasurer, Chester J. Moncavage; and Secretary, Rita Askew. The FAA Aero Club began a ground school course this week, which will run from July 8 to August 29 from 7-9:30 p.m. each Monday and Thursday evening in the T-4 Building. Aero Club's airplanes are rented from the fixed base operator at Suburban Airport in Laurel, Md. Those interested in joining the Aero Club should contact Andrews, Ext. 9282 or Skahill, Ext. 4879.

BNCA REORGANIZES COMMAND STRUCTURE. The march toward decentralization passed another milestone July 1 with the reorganization of the command structure of the Bureau of National Capital Airports. The operation of the airports was divorced from Agency headquarters with the headquarters retaining policy and service functions such as finance, contractual, engineering, etc. Actual operations -- flight, fire and police protection, etc -- under control of the Assistant Director, Operations, Arven H. Saunders, who will maintain main offices at Dulles International and a sub-office at Washington National. He reports to G. Ward Hobbs, Director of BNCA. Other Services of the Bureau are: Financial Management, headed by Robert F. Bacon; and Engineering Services, headed by Edward J. Rakowski. Airport Operations Manager at Dulles is Paul F. Steiner who held that title at Washington National during a tenure commencing in 1944. New Washington National Operations Manager is Edgar B. Franklin. With the exception of Mr. Hobbs all appointments are "acting" pending final decision.

OPERATION CLEANOUT--PHASE II. Housecleaning in anticipation of the move to the new FAA building on Independence Avenue has begun and will run through August 2. Offices and Services were alerted by MS Notice 1700.11, 6/19/63 that immediate action should be taken to dispose of all excess furniture, machines and supplies. Procedures for handling the Operation are outlined in the Notice.

GUIDE TO HQ SERVICES. Almost before they opened for business the newly organized Office of Headquarters Operations, headed by John B. Hogan, was off the press with a compendium of useful information--a consolidated directory of services available to headquarters personnel. It is a 19-page booklet telling who does what. Want an ambulance? Want an air conditioner or typewriter repaired? A window washed? A policeman? First aid? Want to reserve a conference room? Need information about jobs, salary checks, retirement, parking space, etc. etc. etc.? Just look in the Guide's white pages. It was a crash project that produced something extremely valuable and long needed and the whole thing -- compilation of material, organizing, editing and publishing -- was accomplished in a record four days. Just in case, in the hurry to get into print, something might have been overlooked, the book instructs the seeker to dial H-E-L-P and he will get it. HQ plans to revise the Guide periodically.



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PROGRESS IN SAVINGS BOND DRIVE. At the beginning of the 1963 Campaign, some 18,250 or 41% of FAA's 45,000 employees were buying bonds through the payroll plan. At the end of the second week - July 5th - with the addition of 6600 new subscribers, the percentage had increased to 48%. Headquarters, 50%; Eastern, 9%; Southwest, 55%; Southern, 78%; Central, 39%; Western, 20%; Alaskan, 27%; Pacific, 48%; Aeronautical Center, 220%; NAFEC, 47%; and Bur. of Nat. Capital Airports, 58%.

HALABY APPEARS ON HILL FOR FY 64 BUDGET. Administrator Halaby appeared Thursday (July 11) before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee For Independent Offices to support the funds requested by the President for the FAA for the 1964 fiscal year. In his statement, Halaby said, "...We must continuously develop, buy, install, operate and maintain the equipment required to cope not only with today's but tomorrow's aviation." He brought out the fact that military aviation continues to be one of the primary users of the air traffic control system, and that in calendar year 1962, the count of 3,803,811 military aircraft handled under IFR was 38% of the total of 10,056,217. In a summary of estimates, the Administrator said, "Including \$60 million of Civil Supersonic Aircraft Development funds we are requesting \$795.1 million in new obligational authority for the 1964 fiscal year. This is in addition to the \$75 million appropriated last year for Grants-in-aid for Airports, and \$20 million to pay obligations that will come due during the current year under prior years' contract authorization for the Federal-aid Airport Program. Shown in our request are funds to finance 47,965 positions, a gross increase in FAA-funded positions of 1030 over the 46,935 programmed for the 1963 fiscal year. This increase is primarily for field services which will directly improve safety and reliability in aviation and for the development of a civil supersonic aircraft." The committee will meet again July 24.

CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE TITLES. As stated in the item of the same title which appeared in the July 3 INTERCOM, the titles of Assistant Administrators in the Regions will, on August 1, become Regional Directors. Singularly, a Director will be called, "Director, \_\_\_\_\_ Region." The new office being activated in London to monitor European, African and Middle East Operations, will have as its head an Assistant Administrator. His title will be Assistant Administrator, Europe, Africa and Middle East.

MANAGEMENT HEAD NAMED TO COUNTY POST. C. Packard Wolle, Chief, Management Analysis Division, MS-500, has been appointed to a four-year term as Chairman of the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission. He has M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, and teaches graduate courses as a part-time faculty member of George Washington University.

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EYE HAZARD IN SOLAR ECLIPSE. The Acting Civil Air Surgeon, Dr. H. L. Reighard, urged caution in observing the July 20 solar eclipse. "Sunglasses are not considered adequate for this purpose," he said. He recommends the following procedure: Have your back to the sun. Pierce a piece of cardboard with a 1/8" hole. Place this pierced piece of cardboard between the sun and another white cardboard. Observe the eclipse directly on the second piece of cardboard; view the eclipse through a double thickness of over-exposed photographic film; glass heavily smoked over a candle can be used but the first two methods are safer. Unprotected observation can result in incurable retinal burns.

FAA ACADEMY SURVEY. Former FAA Academy students and their supervisors are being interviewed about their qualifications, selection processes, in-school handling and post-school assignment in the Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Regions as a part of a survey of the Academy undertaken to determine its present effectiveness and future role. Similar inquiry was made in the Southwest Region last week. A second survey team will begin visiting field facilities on July 22, seeking views as to the requirements for training at the Academy.

CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS. A study of total Agency classification standards requirements has been initiated by the Office of Personnel and Training to ascertain where the highest priority should be assigned in developing new standards. This study will also include a review of total Agency grade alignment in relation to current activities and future programs. Standards covering air traffic controllers, electronic installation technicians and avionics positions are now in various stages of development. Studies of certain Flight Standards and Airports positions also are in progress.

BETTY MILLER TO GET HEROINE'S WELCOME IN WASHINGTON. Betty Miller, the former CAA Communicator who made aviation history in May when she became the first woman to fly alone across the Pacific to Australia, will be given a warm welcome when she visits Washington on Friday, July 19. The Agency will decorate Mrs. Miller with the top FAA gold medal for her exceptional feat. Administrator Halaby will take her to the White House to be congratulated by President Kennedy.

SST ADVISORY GROUP DISSOLVED. Its work completed, Administrator Halaby dissolved the SST Advisory Group on July 10. In personal letters to General Orval R. Cook (USAF Ret.) Chairman, and the other distinguished private citizens who comprised the task force, Halaby expressed deep appreciation for conduct of the research program over a two-year period and the resultant contributions to development of a supersonic transport. The Administrator also asked the members to remain available for further consultation on an informal basis.

FAA TEAMS UP WITH SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE. Early in July the Agency became an active participant in Scientific Information Exchange, a program designed to let the left hand know what the right is doing -- and especially what it has already done in the past, perhaps many times over -- in the realm of scientific and technical inquiry. FAA input will be via SRDS in conjunction with the Agency's Information Retrieval Branch, to SIE, with the Smithsonian Institution as the clearing house. Aim of the program is to consolidate and cross-index the wealth of technical and scientific material generated by government and private agencies and to make this material immediately available to interested parties.



ABSENCE AND LEAVE HANDBOOK. The Agency's new codified Absence and Leave Handbook will be the primary source for answering questions concerning absence and leave. The book will be distributed soon to all offices and facilities. It is designed for use by supervisors.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED. Granted exclusive recognition as the representative of lithographers employed in Washington Headquarters, the Amalgamated Lithographers of America on July 1 joined seven other employee organizations having FAA recognition. The American Federation of Government Employees, which has informal recognition in Washington Headquarters, is the only other organization to have exclusive recognition by the FAA, having gained that recognition at the Aircraft Maintenance Base, Atlanta. Other organizations recognized on the local, regional or national level are the National Federation of Federal Employees, National Association of Air Traffic Specialists, Inc., International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Airways Engineering Society, International Association of Machinists, and the National Association of Government Employees.

A/G MAINTENANCE UNDER STUDY. Systems Maintenance has begun a study of air/ground communications maintenance to determine if costs can be reduced without adversely affecting the service or the reliability of the equipment. Reduced operating costs would enable SM to utilize available manpower more effectively on new and more complex devices being introduced into the communications system.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED TO CENTER COMPUTERS. Computer systems in the Centers at Boston, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Washington are to be fitted with remoted printers that will produce flight progress strips at the control room operating positions rather than flight data positions. This will simplify strip delivery and greatly reduce intersector coordination. Computer updating equipment (CUE) providing two-way communication between controller and computer through keypack and data display units will be added at the same time. Target date for the installations: August 1964.

CONGRESSMEN CRAMMING FOR PILOT EXAM. Members of the Congressional Flying Club in Washington D.C., established last spring for members of Congress, their families, and their staffs, will take the FAA Private Pilot Written Examination on July 25. This test will climax ten weeks of intensive ground school, instructed by employees of the FAA and the U. S. Weather Bureau. The ground school has stressed the importance of general aviation in this country.

GOLDSTEIN REPORTS TO AIR FORCE AS FAA LIAISON. Phillip M. Goldstein, veteran accident investigator with both FAA and CAB, has been appointed Flight Standards Service liaison officer on the staff of the Deputy Inspector General for Safety, United States Air Force. He replaces Marion Roscoe, recently named Dean of the joint CAB-FAA National Aircraft Accident Investigation School.

AVIATION MEDICAL SERVICE IN PEACE CORPS ROLE. Dr. H. L. Reighard, Acting Civil Air Surgeon, announced July 11 the completion of plans whereby the 5600 FAA Medical Examiners will be invited to assist the Peace Corps in the physical examination of Corps volunteers. The move is aimed at streamlining the entry process.



RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM. A "road show" presentation of the Agency's new Recognition and Awards Program, put into effect on July 1, has introduced the program to officials of continental regions and Headquarters. The program was brought to the attention of non-FAA officials when Earl J. Anderson, Chief of the Personnel Programs Division in the Office of Personnel and Training, addressed a meeting of Federal Incentive Awards Administrators. The Agency's new Merit Promotion Plan was also described recently to the Airways Engineering Society by OPT's Assistant Administrator, R. H. Willey, when the group convened nationally in St. Louis.

FAA EXHIBIT SHOWN AT POWDER PUFF DERBY. The Flight Standards Service exhibit, stressing general aviation operations and maintenance, was shown at the start of the All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) last week at Bakersfield, California. Nearly 60,000 people were estimated in attendance.

SAFETY EDUCATION PAMPHLETS. Flight Standards has developed a Safety Education series, entitled "Do You Know...?" which is composed of both written and pictorial pamphlets designed primarily for pilots. Nearing completion are the first two pamphlets which deal with airport traffic, wind indicators and prevention of gear-up landings. The series will be distributed at GADO safety meetings, flight clinics, etc.

FAA LAUDED BY BUREAU OF THE BUDGET. Recognition has been given to the FAA's recently completed economy campaign, automatic data processing, and decentralization by the Bureau of the Budget in a cost reduction progress report. In citing the Agency's economy campaign, the BOB reported: "Unusual success also has been achieved by the Federal Aviation Agency. A drive launched in March 1962 by Administrator Najeeb E. Halaby -- with special prizes for the ideas which led to the greatest economies -- produced 6,000 employee suggestions. About one in five, or more than 1000 in all, was adopted. Measurable benefits approximated \$750,000."

AWARDS MADE BY SOUTHWEST REGION. A 40-year veteran of Government service and 121 other Dallas-Fort Worth area Agency employees received awards in the Southwest Region. Joseph Fischer, a Fort Worth Systems Maintenance District Office Supervisor, received a 40-year length of service award. Other awards included 66 for sustained superior performance, 43 for length of service, and 12 for suggestions.

AMES GET DRUG HAZARD HANDBOOK. "Guide to Drug Hazards in Aviation Medicine" a new 97-page publication prepared for FAA by Windsor C. Cutting, M. D., Stanford University, is ready for immediate distribution to AMEs and within the Agency. Dr. Windsor, commissioned by Aviation Medical Services, gives concise treatment of 33 agents, listing their use, their undesirable effects in aviation, and their use in treating aviation personnel. The book is available through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for 55 cents per copy.

STONESIFER ELECTED TO S. A. M. POST. Joe Stonesifer, MS-550, was recently elected a vice president of the Washington Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management. Stonesifer, currently a supervisory analyst in the Management Analysis Division, is a qualified aircraft pilot and shipboard navigator.



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DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT Gordon M. Bain, Assistant Administrator for Appraisal since April 1962, was appointed Deputy Administrator for Supersonic Transport Development on July 29. Bain will head the administrative and technical organization within FAA charged with over-all responsibility for Government-industry development of a commercial supersonic transport aircraft to carry passengers at between two and three times the speed of sound by mid-1970. Administrator Halaby, in announcing the appointment, said: "The supersonic transport program is one of our major and vital national efforts. The challenges of this program, both in terms of technology and management, are great and will call for the best cooperative efforts of both the Government and the nation's very impressive aviation industry. Responsibility for this broad national effort in the months and years ahead will call for a man of imposing experience in Government and aviation, a man who possesses both technical background and management skill of a high order. It is highly fortunate that, at this point in the evolution of aviation, we have within the Federal Aviation Agency a man who embodies this rare combination of experience, knowledge and skill. Gordon Bain has been a superb Assistant Administrator. In recent months, he has taken responsibility for our supersonic transport research program and has displayed the same energy and talent associated with his previous service in high Government and airline posts. We may be confident that, under Deputy Administrator Bain, the management of the nation's commercial supersonic transport development program will meet the same high and stringent standards in the interests of producing a superior aircraft for America and for the air travelers of the world." Appointment of Bain follows by a little over a month, President Kennedy's determination that the United States Government should inaugurate a program of Government assistance to industry for development of a supersonic transport. President Kennedy directed the FAA to assume over-all responsibility for the program, with the authority to request technical assistance as appropriate from other agencies of the Government. Total development cost for an SST is estimated at up to \$1 billion. Under the development plan, the Government and the industrial contractors chosen for the program in a design competition will share these costs. Airlines that purchase and operate the completed transport will reimburse the Government for its development costs under a royalty formula.

LANDING FEES FOR DIA; CHANGES IN WNA FEES. Effective Sept. 1, 1963, a new slate of landing fees for general aviation pilots will take hold at Dulles International and Washington National Airports. For Dulles, this will be an innovation; for WNA it represents a change. At DIA the scale starts at seventy-five cents for planes 3,500 lbs or less, to \$5 for planes weighing between 19,001 to 20,000 lbs. Heavier craft will pay twenty-five cents per 1000 lbs over 20,000. At WNA for the same airplane weight the scale runs from fifty cents to \$3, with fifteen-cent increases per 1000 lbs over 20,000. Full details are in part 159 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

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REORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. The International Aviation Service has been reconstituted the Office of International Aviation Affairs and made responsible to the Administrator for overall international policy guidance and evaluation functions. The change is effective immediately and will be fully operational by Sept. 1, 1963. The new office will be headed by Raymond B. Maloy, who has been Director of IAS. He will have the title Assistant Administrator. The office will have responsibility for giving guidance and assistance to all elements of the Agency at home and abroad in respect to the United States international policy. It will advise the Administrator in the discharge of his responsibility as Vice Chairman of the new Committee on International Aviation Policy (CIAP) established by the Department of State, and as Chairman of the Interagency Group on International Aviation (IGIA). It will also continue the role of the former International Aviation Service in coordinating FAA activities relating to international aviation organizations and supervise FAA's participation in technical assistance programs. As already announced, the Assistant Administrator for Europe, Africa and the Middle East will assume responsibility for FAA activities in that area of the world. At the same time, regional directors in New York, Atlanta, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Honolulu, and Anchorage will assume operational responsibility for FAA international activities in other areas outside the United States. The altered organization has abolished the International Division of Flight Standards Service--the functions of which have been assigned to the regions.

ENGINEERS GRANTED RECOGNITION. The American Federation of Technical Engineers has been granted informal recognition by NAFEC. AFTE is the ninth employee organization to be recognized by the FAA.

DEVELOPMENTS IN SST. On July 12 the FAA circulated a draft of Request for Proposals for development of a supersonic transport, soliciting industry and airline comments. The draft proposal contemplates issuance of two contracts for development of an engine design and two of an airframe design, to be followed later by one contract for the construction of each. Requests for Proposals are expected to be issued August 15 after comments and suggestions from the industry have been reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLIDATION/PERSONNEL AWARDS. FAA and Department of Defense communications networks were consolidated on July 1. Leasing of all FAA networks, circuits and switching centers are now handled by DOD from its Defense Commercial Communications Office (DECCO) at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill. Estimated annual savings to the Agency as a result of the merger: \$2 million. Three FAAers, Austin Staph, AT-245, John Maile, IM-149, and William L. Grady, IM-250 received special awards and commendations for their work in connection with this project.

TO VISIT REGIONS. James T. Murphy, CS-1, will visit the Southwest and Western Regions during the week of August 5 in connection with overall compliance and security operations. Similar visits to the other regions are planned for later in the year.



B-707 OPERATIONS INSPECTORS MEETING. Inspectors from all regions and Washington Headquarters recently attended a meeting of lead Air Carrier Operations Inspectors (Airman Certification) for the B-707 airplane. The purpose of the meeting was to standardize B-707 flight checks, oral examinations, walk-arounds, and en route inspections. Results will be sent to individual inspectors to create a standardized method of B-707 flight examining and checking throughout the Agency.

MANPOWER SURVEY. A joint Budget Bureau-Civil Service Commission-FAA manpower utilization study will begin early in August and continue for a period of approximately three months. Since time prohibits complete Agency coverage, the review will be conducted in selected activities, viz: Office of Management Services, Office of Headquarters Operations and one of the major field program activities. Schedules to be followed by the review teams will be furnished activities concerned about August 1.

FAA LEGISLATION. S-1153, a bill to extend the Federal Aid to Airports Act for the next three years was favorably reported out of the Senate Subcommittee for Aviation July 22 and sent to the full Commerce Committee where early action is anticipated. Another Bill HR-826, authorizing formation of a corporation to manage Dulles and WNA was also reported favorably out of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics and sent to the full House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee for consideration.

AS COINCIDENCE WOULD HAVE IT. A double-barreled first was scored early this month when the 21,000-lb-thrust turbo-fan engines specially designed to power Lockheed's giant C-141, now nearing completion, received both military and FAA certification simultaneously. They were delivered a month ahead of schedule. Made by Pratt & Whitney, the engines are the most powerful developed to date.

FIRST AMELIA EARHART 'COVERS' REACH WNA. Deputy Administrator Harold W. Grant spearheaded the committee welcoming FAAer Blanche Noyes when she arrived at Washington National July 25 with the first day Amelia Earhart airmail 'covers.' She led a delegation to the White House on July 26 to present a first day cover to President Kennedy.

CHARITY CAMPAIGN EXPERIMENTS. Experiments in a single charitable campaign and voluntary withholding of charitable contributions from the pay of Federal employees will be made in selected locations in 1964. The single campaign would unite the three major campaigns now conducted in the spring and fall. Employees would still be able to designate which organizations they wish to contribute to.

HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEE HONORED. The instigator and manager of last year's highly successful Agency Economy Campaign, Thomas J. Creswell, was personally commended by the Associate Administrator for Administration, Alan L. Dean, by being awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the third highest award the Agency gives. The campaign generated over 6000 suggestions resulting in Agency savings of about \$750,000. It was recently cited by the Bureau of the Budget as an example of outstanding achievement.



LOUNGES AT DIA WORKING OUT OK. A review of the six-month's performance of the 20 mobile lounges (plus the prototype) in operation at Dulles International provides some interesting figures. During that time the vehicles, which have been described as the largest passenger vehicles operating on pneumatic tires, have carried 308,000 passengers on 13,419 trips from terminal to aircraft. Fifty-four feet long, 15 feet eight inches wide, and 17 feet 10 inches tall, the lounges can carry 90 -- 71 seated -- are air-conditioned, powered by two engines, and can be operated from cabins fore and aft.

INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE FOR FAA AUTHORS. Esso Air World, a trade magazine distributed to the aviation fraternity world-wide, published in its May/June issue an article co-authored by Stephen H. Rolle, Chief, Propulsion Branch, FSS, and Harold D. Hoekstra, Chief, Engineer and Safety Program Division, DS. Titled "Propulsion Systems for Civil Aircraft," the article traces the development of powerplants from the earliest days to the present -- and beyond. The article grew out of a paper delivered by the two men before the 13th Annual Meeting of the Institute of the Aerospace Sciences at N.Y.C. last January.

POCKET-SIZED PRIVATE PILOT TRAINING GUIDE. A new flight training guide, published by the Agency, is useful to flight instructors and student pilots. Developed by Flight Standards and entitled "Private Pilot Flight Training Guide," it is divided into 30 lessons, each representing a unit of training necessary for a private pilot certificate. The 126-page guide can be purchased for \$1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.