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J. R. Halaby
Administrator

HALABY TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE ON FAAP. On May 27, the Administrator appeared before the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics to urge a three-year extension of the Federal Aid to Airports Act (FAAP). Halaby recommended that the Act be continued at its present \$75,000,000 annual level through fiscal year 1967. He urged changes in the Act to permit better use of airport funds by increasing the amount available as discretionary funds to be used without regard to state boundaries. He also urged that FAA be permitted to make advanced planning grants and that the Act be changed to require airport owners to take appropriate action to restrict use of land near airports to minimize noise problems.

OFFICE OF HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS ESTABLISHED. To provide administrative support to Washington headquarters, the Administrator has approved the establishment of a Headquarters Operations Office which will function under the direction of the Deputy Administrator for Administration. The new office, to begin its services in July, will be managed by John B. Hogan, who is currently the Acting Assistant Chief of the Materiel Management Division in the Installation and Materiel Service. The office will assume responsibility for most headquarters administrative services, including the operation of the library, motor vehicles, publishing and graphics, printing and data processing. In addition, it will perform most of the functions of the Central Accounting Branch of the Accounting Division of Management Services and the Personnel Operations Division in the Office of Personnel and Training. Miss Mary E. Healy, former Chief, ASD, Office of Management Services, has been named as Deputy to Hogan.

FAA GOES TO PARIS -- A LA FRANCAISE AND IN CINEMASCOPE. The FAA exhibit at the Paris Air Show from June 6-16 will not only inform its audience of aviation leaders from all over the world, but it will mark a significant "first". A seven-minute color film made by the FAA to describe Alpha Numerics as an improved technique of using radar equipment is the first movie to be produced and exhibited by the U. S. Government in cinemascope. The film sound track carries a French narration, but the projector is synchronized with a ½" magnetic tape repeater so that, with headphones, the audience can also pick up simultaneous English narration.

NEW CHIEF OF AIRCRAFT SERVICES DIVISION. Charles Robert Springer, former Vice-President of Operations for Eastern Air Lines, has been named Chief of the Aircraft Services Division of the Flight Standards Service. Springer's assistant will be Leonard J. Miraldi who has been serving as Acting Chief of the Division.

IMPORTANCE OF 1963 SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN INDICATED BY LEADERSHIP. Regional Assistant Administrators and Center Managers will direct the 1963 "Freedom" Bond Drive in the field. The campaign will be conducted from June 15 to July 15. Final plans are now being made to assure that every FAA employee has an opportunity to become a part of this thrift program which is beneficial to both subscriber and the U. S. Government.

UNITED AIR LINES MECHANIC AWARDED LARGEST IDEA-BONUS IN COMPANY'S HISTORY. William L. Williams, UAL shop mechanic at company's maintenance base, San Francisco, has been awarded \$9,495, for devising a method to repair hydraulic system pump components which, in the past, had to be thrown away. Suggestion saves UAL \$94,957 annually.

FLIGHT INSPECTION PERSONNEL TO HOLD CONFERENCE. The Southern Region will be host to Flight Inspection personnel from the Regions, Washington Headquarters, and the Aeronautical Center when they meet June 4-6. The conference will emphasize Washington programs in the FAA/DOD work program, Type III all-weather flight inspection system, a special communications system for flight inspections, Systems Surveillance, and Jet Operations programs.

NINE AIRPORTS SCHEDULED FOR APPROACH LIGHT SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS. The FAA will install airport approach light systems with sequenced flashing lights at nine airports during the 1963 fiscal year. Sequenced flashing lights are a component of the standard approach light system. The airports to be equipped with the systems, each costing an average of \$176,000, service Baltimore, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Jacksonville, Baton Rouge, Charleston, Long Beach (Calif.) and Windsor Locks (Conn.).

DAVID D. THOMAS SELECTED ONE OF FIVE FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE THE 1963 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN SERVICE. The 50-year old Director of Air Traffic Service is the first Federal Aviation Agency employee to receive the highest honor paid career Government employees. President Kennedy will present gold medals and citations to the five men at a White House ceremony on June 12.

SENATE BUDGET HEARINGS TO BEGIN JULY 10. FAA '64 budget hearings before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Independent Offices are scheduled to begin July 10th. There has been no House action as a result of the hearing in March before that committee. Delay caused by prior need to pass legislation authorizing '64 NASA program.

REIGHARD NAMED ACTING CIVIL AIR SURGEON. Homer L. Reighard, M.D., has been named Acting Civil Air Surgeon, replacing Hilliard D. Estes, M.D., who has been assigned, following hospitalization, to Special Assistant for Professional Programs in the Aviation Medical Service.

REVIEW OF OVERSEAS OFFICES AND MISSIONS REPORT TO BOB. FAA, on Monday, submitted to the Bureau of the Budget a review of the Agency offices and missions abroad. Purpose of the study directed by the BOB is a critical evaluation of the need for, and size and cost of, each office and mission abroad, taking into account the objectives and purposes of the Agency and the importance of minimizing net payments abroad.

NAFEC CREW SUPERB IN EMERGENCY. On May 28 Allegheny Airlines, Flight 818, a modified Convair, 340, lost its left main wheel assembly. The pilot, aware of his predicament, requested that he be diverted from Philadelphia International to FAA-owned airport at NAFEC, where he could make a flat approach to the 10,000-foot runway.

Crews of the NAFEC Fire and Crash Rescue Section who were on the airfield immediately following the sounding of the emergency alarm at 6:50 p.m., dispensed 45,000 gallons of finished foam on the runway, in an area 2,500 feet long, 50 feet wide, and from two to four inches in depth. This was completed in just 25 minutes.

Flight 818 arrived over NAFEC at 7:05 p.m. and circled for approximately 40 minutes to burn off surplus fuel. It touched down in the man-made sea of foam for a perfect wheels up landing at 7:44 p.m.

Thirty-seven passengers and four crew members stepped from the plane, uninjured.

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALISTS. Positions in field facilities are being put in final form by the Civil Service Commission and are expected to be issued in June or August. Implementation of the standards is expected in the early fall.

TRAINING OF TERMINAL AND FLIGHT SERVICE STATION PERSONNEL TO CONTINUE AT THE FAA ACADEMY. The Agency has no plans to discontinue the training of Terminal and FSS personnel at the Academy, contrary to the statement contained in the May 31, 1963, edition of Aviation Daily. Initial training of enroute controllers at the Academy was recently suspended due to backlog of trained personnel created by center consolidations, and to inaugurate a policy of providing a "tryout" period in flight data work for new enroute controllers before approving them for Academy training. Academy enroute training is designed to provide basic instruction in fundamental principles, rules and procedures necessary to prepare trainees to absorb quickly and effectively supplementary on-the-job training in the conditions of terrain, etc., peculiar to the locality to which they are assigned. In order to meet the requirements for the new ATS Facility Administration, Training Administration, and Coordinator courses, workload will probably not permit re-programing of the enroute course for at least 18 to 24 months.

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FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

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CONGRESSMEN ABOARD FAA's C-135. Administrator Halaby accompanied six Congressional guests, all high-ranking members of two House Committees dealing with FAA programs, to Paris Friday night aboard the Agency's flight inspection C-135. The Congressmen were left in Paris to attend the International air show, but the aircraft, after being on display Sunday, went on and performed its required flight check of the AF high altitude navigational aids in Europe. The high altitude checking is done under the FAA obligations of Operation Checkup, a part of Project Friendship. The invited Congressmen were: Rep. Oren Harris, (D. Ark.) Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; Rep. John Bell Williams, (D. Miss.) Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics; Rep. Edward P. Boland, (D. Mass.) member of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Independent Offices; Rep. William L. Springer, (R. Ill.) ranking Republican member of the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics; Rep. Robert W. Hempill (D. S.C.), member of the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics; and Rep. Harold C. Ostertag (R. N.Y.), ranking Republican member on the House Appropriations Subcommittee. The group returned from Paris yesterday, Tuesday, June 11.

FAA PARTICIPATES IN THE 14TH ANNUAL READING AVIATION SHOW. In line with the Administrator's designation of 1963 as "Maintenance Year," a new exhibit was shown last week end at the Reading Air Show in Reading, Pa. The exhibit displays through sound and animation the basic aircraft systems common to all aircraft, describes their functions and the need for their proper maintenance. The exhibit also contains an animated display of VOR-DME, which shows how these FAA facilities can provide general aviation pilots accurate tracking guidance and a means of determining their exact distance from the transmitting station. The Agency plans to display the exhibit at public conventions and fairs, as well as general aviation meetings throughout the year.

FOUR FAA OFFICIALS NOMINATED FOR 1963 ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS. Administrator Halaby has nominated Alan L. Dean, Deputy Administrator for Administration; Joseph D. Blatt, Director, Systems Research and Development Service; Raymond B. Maloy, Director, International Aviation Service; and George S. Moore, Director, Flight Standards Service; for this high honor for Federal Career Service. From among several hundred nominees from all Federal Agencies, five awards are presented each year. The recognition includes a \$5,000 cash award.

FAA Library

FAA ISSUES SUPPLEMENT TO NATIONAL AIRPORT PLAN. The Agency has amended the National Airport Plan for fiscal years 1963-1967 to include 171 more airports. The updated Plan now lists 3,559 airports which must be built or improved to provide a system of public airports adequate to meet the needs of civil aviation. Included in the total are 2,495 general aviation fields and 1,064 for both general aviation and the airlines. No funds are provided by the Plan, but the total cost of the recommended projects over the five-year period is estimated at \$1,082,439,000.

GEN. GRANT DEDICATES NEW SOUTHERN REGION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. Deputy Administrator Grant dedicated the new Regional Headquarters building in Atlanta last Friday, June 7th. This is the first Regional Headquarters to exhibit the modern concept of space arrangement that eventually will be reflected in all new FAA buildings. This building, as well as the other Regional Headquarters scheduled to occupy new quarters, is an example of the Agency's effort to provide more efficient and attractive working areas for all employees. Under construction already is the new headquarters building in the Pacific Region; the Western Region is now working on the conversion of an existing building into modern and attractive quarters, and the Central Region will establish its new offices sometime next year in the Federal Building in Kansas City. Washington is scheduled to move its headquarters to the FAA's new location near Capitol Hill in October. The Alaskan Region has already moved into its new offices in Anchorage.

ALBUQUERQUE CENTER WAS DEDICATED SUNDAY. The Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center was dedicated Sunday, June 9, with a ceremony and open house. Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant, Deputy Administrator, represented the Washington Office and spoke briefly.

ALASKAN REGION GETS NEW PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. George Fay, a recently retired Air Force Officer with over 5000 flying hours logged, has reported to Anchorage as the new Public Affairs Officer for the Alaskan Region. In his new assignment, Fay will be responsible for keeping the public, the news media, and aviation groups continuously informed about FAA objectives, major operations, and achievements.

AGENCY GRANTS CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT HANDBOOK AND TRAINING COURSE. The FAA has awarded a \$72,000 contract to Harbridge House, Inc., of Boston to prepare an FAA Procurement Handbook explaining in easily understood language all regulations, procedures, and policies governing FAA procurement. In addition, Harbridge House, Inc. will develop and present a three-week comprehensive training course in procurement for FAA contracting personnel.

KRUSE NEW HEAD OF LOCAL ENGINEERS. H. William Kruse, MS-520, was installed as president of the National Capital Chapter, American Institute of Industrial Engineers on June 2. One of the original members of the Project Searchlight team, Kruse is currently attached to the Management Engineering Branch of Management Services, where he works on studies of manpower utilization and productivity.

FAA DAY FEATURED AT SOUTHERN COLLEGE. The Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, in cooperation with Middle Tennessee State College, is conducting a month-long session in June at the college campus in Murfreesboro to help teachers stay ahead of their students in aviation knowledge. The course, for graduate credit, will feature FAA Day on June 17, during which a panel of Agency experts will discuss aspects of general aviation. Among them will be David D. Thomas, Director of Air Traffic Service, William J. Schulte, Assistant Administrator for General Aviation Affairs, Mervin K. Strickler, Jr., Chief of the Aviation Education Division, and Arvin Basnight, Assistant Administrator for the Southern Region. An interesting fact connected with the session is that 30 of its participants are currently enrolled in a pilot training program with the local fixed base operator.

AVIATION MEDICAL SERVICE HAS NEW OFFICER. Carl H. Monsees, former Chief of the Management Analysis Branch in Flight Standards, has been detailed as Acting Executive Officer of the Aviation Medical Service.

FAA ACADEMY EMPLOYEE DEPARTS FOR CAIRO. Grover Fulkerson, former Chief, EnRoute/Flight Service Station Branch of the Air Traffic Training Division at the FAA Academy, has left for his new assignment as Director, Regional ICAO Training Center at Cairo, Egypt, UAR. Fulkerson is a 21 year veteran with the FAA and its predecessors. He will be responsible for the multi-million dollar Training Center at Cairo which is being founded jointly by the United Nation's Special Fund and the United Arab Republic.

SPECIAL "RACE DAY" PROCEDURES PROVE SUCCESSFUL. Special air traffic procedures and excellent pilot cooperation enabled Indianapolis Tower to handle nearly 400 landing aircraft in 2½ hours on Memorial Day, May 30, 1963. 194 aircraft landed during the peak hour, between 0900-1000 EST. Following the Annual 500 Mile Race, more than 400 aircraft departed Wier Cook Airport between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

FAA MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN FORT WORTH. An FAA-wide Management Analysis Conference will be held June 11-14 in the Fort Worth area. Meetings will be held at Regional Headquarters, the Fort Worth Center and the Western Hills Inn. Several representatives from the Washington Office, plus management analysts from all regions will attend.

TERMINAL RADAR SERVICE (TRS). The test program at Atlanta, Georgia, to evaluate the concept of providing a positive separation service at a high activity airport was concluded on June 1, 1963. The Atlanta facility has been authorized to continue providing the separation service to all participating aircraft for an indefinite period. A report is being written on this program which will include Agency conclusions and recommendations.

FLIGHT CONDITION MESSAGE FORM IN THE WORKS. As an aid to the Flight Service Specialists, a much needed Flight Condition Message Form is due out to the field by August 15th. This form will aid FSS personnel in the preparation and recording of flight condition messages transmitted to pilots of the FSS VFR Flight Following Service program.

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HALABY PRESENTS FAA VIEWS ON SST. The Administrator, in a June 20 appearance before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on the Supersonic Transport Development Program, said as part of his nine-point presentation that "for its part, the Agency will organize a management staff of less than 100 administrative and technical personnel. They will function as an independent unit within the Agency under the direct supervision of a Deputy who will be appointed by the Administrator and report to him on the conduct of this program. This group and the cost of the development of the program will be budgeted for separately from the regular Federal Aviation Agency budget, so as to be able to more particularly identify the cost of this program and isolate it from the regular FAA budget."

25 CANDLES FOR THE CAB. The FAA joins in the chorus of "Happy Birthday" to the Civil Aeronautics Board which celebrates its 25th anniversary this week. As part of the silver anniversary, a Ford Tri-Motor "Tin Goose" will fly on its original TWA schedule from Los Angeles to Newark, operate via 11 intermediate cities and take 36 hours of flying time. It is one of only ten known to be still airworthy and in FAA-certificated condition. Originally there were 199, built between 1926 and 1932, costing about \$50,000. Today's jets cost approximately \$6 million.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS HEARING. The Agency's 1964 regular appropriation is scheduled to be heard in independent offices during the Senate Appropriations Hearing scheduled for July 10. Senator Warren G. Magnuson will chair the subcommittee.

CONTROLLER'S PROCEDURES MANUAL TO BE CLARIFIED. The Agency is hiring Mr. F. Reed Dickerson, Professor of Law at the University of Indiana's Law School, as a consultant to simplify and re-state the Controller's Procedures Manual. Mr. Dickerson, who was hired as a consultant for comparable projects in other technical fields by the Agency in the summers of 1961 and 1962, is the author of many books and is a leader in the field of codification and simplification of rules and procedures. The result of this summer's project will be reviewed by the General Counsel and the Deputy Administrator for Programs.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV-PILOT PREFLIGHT BRIEFING. The FAA is installing closed circuit TV on a test basis at the Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., Flight Service Station to remotely brief pilots planning local or cross-country flights who require current weather information. The equipment will be ready for official testing August 1, 1963. The test will run through November 1, 1963. An improvement over present methods of briefing pilots on aviation weather for preflight planning is being tested. The closed circuit television system will supplement the present telephone briefing facility with a pictorial display of appropriate weather data. The visual/aural briefing facility will operate between the respective pilot's briefing room of the various aircraft service organizations and the Pilot Briefer in the FSS.

FAA ADOPTS NEW CONTRACT APPEALS PROCEDURES. The Agency has adopted new contract appeals procedures that are designed to benefit both small and large contractors. Under the new procedures, which were effective June 19, contractors wishing to appeal the decision of a contracting officer now have the choice of an informal or a formal hearing. Previous procedures provided only for the informal type of hearing. The informal procedure will be used whenever the contractor does not file a formal complaint. This will provide, automatically, a stream-lined, non-technical hearing more suited to the smaller contractor. The formal procedure, where the complaint is filed, will provide a full hearing to any contractor who wants one.

ADMINISTRATOR HALABY BACKS SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN. In speaking before a group at a savings bond meeting, Administrator Halaby said, "I am counting on your efforts to enhance the strength of our Nation, the well being of our fellow-employees, and the prestige of our Agency. The drive has been linked to the 4th of July and, as the President has said, 'This Independence Day will...have greater meaning to all who through their purchase of Savings Bonds will also have a greater, more tangible share in America.'" The campaign started June 15 and will run through July 15. This should give each employee in the Agency an opportunity to purchase bonds through payroll savings.

FAA NOW REGULATES UPS AND DOWNS OF PARACHUTISTS. At the request of the Parachute Club of America, a meeting was held recently in Washington among PCA, FAA, and parachute manufacturer representatives. The operations, engineering, and maintenance aspects of parachute jumping, including the effect of the new Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 105, which regulates parachute jumping and establishes the operating rules, were discussed. Also considered was the possibility of certificating the parachutist, inasmuch as the Federal Aviation Act does not at present designate the parachutist as an "airman." The FAA plans to clarify such questioned areas and invites the PCA, as well as other interests, to submit their recommendations.

FAA TEAM REPRESENTS THE U.S. AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN LONDON. Aviation authorities of the North Atlantic provider states are convening in London this week to discuss a recommendation made at the North Atlantic Air Navigation Meeting in Paris in 1961. This recommendation concerns the application of a systems planning approach to the provision of air traffic control and those related services in the North Atlantic. Claude H. Smith, Chief of the FAA's International Organization Division is heading the 6-man FAA team representing the U.S. at the meetings being held from June 24 through July 1. Other participants are from the United Kingdom, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, and Ireland. The U.S. team was joined in London by John Meadows, Air Attache of the United States Embassy.

HALABY GREETES FLOW OF FOREIGN GUESTS. At the invitation of the Administrator, a large group of foreign aviation officials, arriving separately, visited both Washington and FAA field facilities in June. Among them were: Chief of Civil Aviation in Korea; Director of the Korean Bureau of International Relations in the Ministry of Aviation; Chief Aeronautical Officer, Ireland; Deputy Chief of the Civil Aviation Office, Austria; Director of Civil Aviation, the Philippines; Director-General, Administration of Aeronautics, Belgium; Air Minister, Indonesia; and two representatives of Euro-Control, an air traffic organization of European countries.

GROUP MEETS TO DISCUSS SYSTEM OF USER CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR OPERATORS.

IGIA -- Interagency Group on International Aviation -- is meeting this week to consider a proposal submitted to IGIA by the FAA. This proposal would establish the framework for the preparation of a study to be the basis of U.S. policy and action for a system of charges applied to international air operators who use U.S. - provided en route facilities and services.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR ACCIDENT REPORTING. A new telephone procedure for reporting aircraft accidents from the field will provide greater availability of communications and assure callers the fastest means of getting through to headquarters. All field contacts made to or by the Accident Branch duty officer shall be made through the Executive Communication staff telephone number WO-7-4564. It also has "patching" ability so that should a call come into Headquarters, the Executive Communications Staff Officer will connect the reporting inspector with the Accident Branch duty officer and any other Agency officials as required.

AMERICAN DREAM -- A NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER. President Kennedy has wholeheartedly endorsed the National Cultural Center building program and has designated the period of June 16-30 for a special Federal fund-raising campaign. Mr. Halaby has appointed G. Ward Hobbs, Director of the Bureau of National Capital Airports, as the FAA Campaign Chairman, who in turn has named Assistant Chairmen in each Office and Service. Federal Agencies have been given the first opportunity to raise funds toward the \$30 million dollar goal. A gift of \$1000 will purchase a chair engraved with the donor's name. Hobbs emphasizes, however, that it is not the amount of donation which is important; what the FAA is striving for is 100% participation in a cause that will finally give our Nation's Capital proper facilities for the performing arts.

NASA ASKS FAA FOR HELP IN RECRUITING ASTRONAUTS. Agency assistance in locating outstanding pilots to participate in the Astronaut Training Program has been requested by the Manned Spacecraft Center of NASA. In addition to meeting citizenship, age, and physical requirements, Agency candidates must have 1000 hours of jet pilot time or attained experimental flight test status, a degree in engineering or physical science, and be recommended by the FAA. Applications must be submitted to PT-24 at Washington Headquarters by June 28, 1963.

NEW AWARDS PROGRAM TO GO INTO EFFECT NEXT WEEK. Authority for the delegation of approval of awards down to operating levels and the elimination of reviewing committees is provided in the Agency's revised Recognition and Awards Program which goes into effect Monday, July 1. This major innovation will greatly speed up the processing of award recommendations.

FAA MEETS WITH CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT. The FAA was host to a Canadian delegation of 17 which came to Washington last week for the 6th meeting of the FAA/DOT committee. This committee is organized for the purpose of effecting coordination and cooperation on civil aviation problems of mutual concern and falling within the respective jurisdiction of both agencies. Lt. Gen. Grant, Deputy Administrator, led the two-day conference in a successful discussion of 23 items of agenda which included such matters of interest as general and business aviation, border crossings, message and weather data, and exchange and coordination of air traffic control procedures.