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NOTIP PLANS RE-EVALUATED. Joint FAA/DOD use of NOTIP/SAGE direction centers for air defense and traffic control at Grand Forks and Minot, N.D. cancelled. USAF to de-activate facilities because of new weapons systems available and to increase survivability of air defense force in case large-scale missile attack. Center at Great Falls remains in joint-use program. Great Falls facility and FAA ARTCC at Minneapolis to provide air traffic service over entire NOTIP area. These two centers programed now as most advanced experimental units in field to operationally test equipment designed for National Airspace Utilization System (NAUS) and its interface with present air defense environment and the evolving systems of the future. Detailed plans now being expedited to assure that the highly-selected group of FAA controllers and technicians selected to participate in joint-use program will continue in their career development. Most of those selected who still desire to participate will be used in the new configuration. Most of those who volunteered and who do not now desire to participate can be accommodated at their present locations. The few not now required in this program but committed to move will be offered other challenging assignments. Each person concerned will be contacted to resolve his individual problem.

'64 BUDGET HOUSE HEARINGS HELD LAST WEEK. As the first step in the legislative process for the Agency's \$810,100,000 requested budget, four days of hearings before the House Subcommittee on Independent Offices Appropriations were concluded as of Thursday last week. A thorough and thoughtful review of the Agency program was conducted by the committee, chaired by Albert Thomas.

NEW MANAGER AT DIA. Arven H. Saunders, General Manager of Greater Cincinnati Airport, has been named Manager of the Dulles International Airport, replacing William Cullinan, assigned Chief of Airports Division, Eastern Region.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT BY HALABY. Marking his second anniversary March 3, as head of the FAA, N.E. Halaby reported informally to President Kennedy last week at the White House to review progress of the Agency during the last 2 years. He outlined long-range prospects for civil aviation and FAA objectives for the next year.

PROGRAM REVIEW CONFERENCE. Administrator Halaby's Program Review Conference was held at Williamsburg, Va., February 25-27. Regional Assn't. Administrators, Managers of NAFEC and the Aeronautical Center met with top Headquarters Officials to discuss the status, problem areas, and future course of selected programs. Topics included system for Safe and Efficient Utilization of National Airspace, Defense Readiness, Aviation Safety, Airport Planning, General Aviation Affairs, Cost-benefit Studies, Manpower Utilization and Management Communications. Next conference in October.

STANDARDS FOR VFR AIRPORTS ISSUED. New standards for design and construction of small airports built under FY '64 FAAP are issued, establishing minimum airport standards for VFR operations of small aircraft. Minimum runway lengths of 2000' and widths of 50' are included. Information circular off the press soon.



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INTERCOM AS MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS TO EMPLOYEES. This is the first of weekly newsletters to keep FAA employees abreast of Agency business and is prepared by the Employee Information Division of the Office of Information Services. Headquarters personnel get this copy, field personnel get one which is developed from this one at the Regional level with regional news added.

MURPHY NAMED DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY. James T. Murphy, transferred from the Department of Labor to become FAA's first Director of the new Office of Compliance and Security, created under an Agency reorganization. Murphy will be responsible for investigative activities concerning standards of ethics and conduct of Agency personnel and physical security of information and property of the Agency.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES MKC CRASH HEARING. The CAB has scheduled public hearing of the MKC crash of Continental Airlines Viscount for March 13 at Kansas City.

RUNWAY WEATHER OBSERVERS. FAA, in collaboration with the USWB, initiates runway observer visibility program at Idlewild, O'Hare and Los Angeles Airports. Ninety-day feasibility program to provide back-up in event automatic runway visibility system fails. Observer service provided for landing runways when visibility is less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles - can also be used for departure runways. FAA controllers used in this program.

CONFERENCE ON AIRBORNE RECORDERS. Flight Standards Service will sponsor Gov't.-Industry conference in Washington March 19th to discuss present and future potential of aircraft flight, voice, and maintenance recorders. CAB and FAA SRDS also to participate in the meeting.

TWA CAPTAIN BUCK SUBMITS REPORT. Capt. Robert N. Buck, TWA International Captain, spent 30 days with FAA studying problems of bad-weather operations around busy air carrier terminals and has submitted his report recommending both administrative and technical solutions for adjusting landings to bad weather conditions.

POSITIVE CONTROL EVALUATION. Some 150 pilots attended industry meeting at Atlanta, Ga., February 16th giving FAA comments and recommendations concerning evaluation program going on at Atlanta evaluating positive control concept. Pilots representing all segments of airspace users supported continued service.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE YEAR. At Mr. Halaby's press conference February 28th, he announced 1963 as MAINTENANCE YEAR in an effort to instill pride in the skill of licensed mechanics, both air carrier and general. FAA program to encourage better aviation maintenance thru series of conferences, special awards and other projects.

FAA OFFICIAL TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED POST IN PERU. John P. Irish named by U.S. Dep't. of State as first Civil Air Attache in Lima, Peru. Irish, currently Pacific Area Supervisor in the International Aviation Service, is first for this post from FAA under terms of recent informal agreement between the Agency-CAB-State Department cooperative program of recruiting, selecting and training.



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FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

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PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE O'HARE INTERNATIONAL. President Kennedy will fly to Chicago Saturday, March 23 to dedicate the O'Hare International Airport. O'Hare is this country's busiest airport with over 417,000 takeoffs and landings a year.

FAA/NASA IN JOINT SST PROJECT. FAA and NASA are completing plans for a joint research project to study designs and operations of both supersonic transports and an appropriate air traffic control system for SST aircraft in flight simulated programs at NAFEC and NASA's Langley Research Center.

PRIVATE PILOTS FACE NEW TAKEOFF AND LANDING RESTRICTIONS. Administrator Halaby has told CAB Chairman Boyd that the FAA has begun a program which will restrict private pilots from attempting takeoff and landings when airport conditions are below ATC minimums. The new rulings will not apply to emergency situations. This program is in answer to a request by Chairman Boyd who pointed out the increasing number of accidents in terminal areas during poor weather conditions.

COL. SPITZ DECORATED. Col. Charles E. Spitz, former Chief of the Plans and Requirements Branch of the International Aviation Service, received the Legion of Merit, the second highest governmental award distinguished work in peacetime. FAA Deputy Administrator General Grant made the presentation.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SST RESEARCH. In connection with the FAA's Supersonic Transport Program, the Agency has awarded a \$24,132 contract to General Electric's Valley Forge (Pa.) Space Technology Center to study ozone, radiation, and other natural phenomena associated with high altitude flying.

TWO OFFICIALS IN SOMALI. Two FAA officials, Anthony W. Lalle of the General Counsel's Office and Lynn I. Jones of the International Aviation Service, are en route to Somali to help draft basic aviation laws and safety regulations as the first step in establishing a national aviation system.

AREA POSITIVE CONTROL EXPANDED. 80,000 additional square miles of high altitude airspace will now be protected with the recent addition of the Minneapolis and Chicago ARTCC's to the radar positive control service now in effect between 24,000 and 60,000 feet over all or parts of 18 states.

NIFA AIR MEET. The 1963 National Intercollegiate Flying Association will hold its 15th Annual Air Meet and Conference at Southern Illinois University from April 25th thru April 27th.

PILOTS WILL BE INTERESTED to know that 135.9 mc, previously reserved for military communications with Flight Service Stations is now available for civil pilot use and will materially relieve the voice congestion on 126.7 mc.

MEXICAN AVIATION OFFICIAL VISITS FAA. Ing. Alberto Acuna O., Mexican Director of Civil Aviation, was in Washington last week visiting the FAA. He is the first of several foreign civil aviation officials to visit American aviation facilities at the invitation of Mr. Halaby.



PERT BRIEFING. Top FAA officials have been briefed on the development, use and value of the PERT Management System (Program Evaluation and Review Technique) and on the activities of the Inter-Agency PERT Coordinating Group. PERT is a system of management concerned with the most economical way to administer government contracts. The FAA is a member of the inter-agency group which also included DOD, Air Force, Navy, Army, AEC, NASA and the Bureau of the Budget.

ZVOLANEK NEW PERSONNEL CHIEF. Benjamin F. Zvolanek is the new Chief of the Personnel Operations Division in Personnel and Training. Zvolanek replaces John E. Langer who became Assistant Chief of the Management Analysis Division.

NEW MAINTENANCE FOR AGENCY DC-3 AIRCRAFT. The Aircraft Services Division Flight Standards has upgraded the maintenance system for FAA DC-3 aircraft from 6000 hours to 12,000 hours. The new system will decrease maintenance costs, equalize routine maintenance and overhaul work flow and provide additional aircraft availability.

AIRLINE EXECS TAKE COURSE IN NAS. The third group of airline operating executives has completed the 5-day indoctrination course at the Aeronautical Center on ramifications of the National Aviation System. The course aims to increase industry's understanding of present operations and the FAA's plans for improving them.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PROJECT BEACON. The FAA has awarded a \$4.3 million production contract for Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon Equipment to the Electronic Systems Division of Telecomputing Corporation, North Hollywood, California.

FAA REPORTS CONTRACTS. Contracts awarded by the Agency during the first two months of 1963 show a total of \$10,737,990 spent for research and development projects studying air traffic control, and purchase of equipment for air navigation and airways communication.

FAA FALLING SHORT IN FUND DRIVE. Attorney General Kennedy and Secretary of Labor Wirtz encourage all government workers to bring the Federal Service Join Crusade Campaign to 100% participation. FAA employees are lagging considerably behind and Mr. Halaby urges everyone to contribute wholeheartedly.

STEWARDESSES MEET HALABY. Representatives of the nation's airline stewardesses met last week with Mr. Halaby and other Agency officials in the first of two meetings. Two groups, one affiliated with the Airline Pilots Association and the other with the International Transport Workers, presented their views on matters of flight safety, including training requirements for flight attendants, evacuation procedures, serving alcoholic beverages, and flight time limits.

NOTIP CANDIDATES REASSIGNED. Rapid Agency personnel action will place NOTIP employees who had already left their former duty posts or had made moving commitments in Central Region facilities, particularly Great Falls and Minneapolis ARTCC's without loss of grade or pay.



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HALABY CONSIDERS IDEA OF SST CORPORATION. If President Kennedy decides to go ahead with the construction of a civil supersonic transport, Administrator Halaby might propose the establishment of a public-government SST corporation similar to the Communications Satellite Corp. He is awaiting a report from a four-man committee he appointed to study the feasibility of this plan that would form a corporation to handle the tremendous costs of SST development. Such an organization would solve two problems: it would relieve the FAA of the embarrassment of being in a position where it would both construct and certificate an SST aircraft; it also would separate the huge SST production costs from the regular FAA Budget.

CONGRESS SUPPORTS FAA RECOMMENDATION ON AIRPORT FUNDS. Sen. Mike Monroney (D. Okla.), chairman of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, has introduced a bill extending the Federal Airport Act three years past its expiration date on June 30, 1964. The measure, co-sponsored by Commerce Committee Chairman Warren Magnuson (D. Wash.), also calls for \$75 million annual federal allocation to the airport program. On the House side, Reps. J. Bell Williams (D. Miss.) and William L. Springer (R. Illinois) also introduced the same legislative bills. The FAA already has received 530 requests for FY '64 FAAP appropriations which total \$150 million. Announcement of the program is scheduled for June.

MORROW TO HOLD CONFERENCE ABOUT FAAP BILLS. Cole Morrow, Director of Airport Services, met on March 25th with aviation organization representatives primarily interested in airports to discuss provisions of the Federal Airport Act now before Congress.

NEW OFFICER IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES. David F. Tipp has been named Management Program Officer in Management Services to replace Richard H. Adams who has transferred to the Area Redevelopment Agency in the Department of Commerce. Tipp formerly was chief of the Audit Standards Branch in Management Services.

ADMINISTRATOR URGES DULLES-NATIONAL CORPORATION. Mr. Halaby again has asked Congress to put the operation of DIA and WNA in the hands of a National Capital Airport Corp., with management of day-to-day operations vested in a general manager and over-all direction remaining with the FAA.

SCHULTE ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN PARIS. William F. Schulte, Assistant Administrator for General Aviation Affairs, returned from Paris last Friday after attending a meeting of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale to discuss world-wide problems and goals of general aviation.



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COCKPIT VOICE RECORDERS FOR AIRLINERS? The FAA told a government-industry conference last week in Washington that cockpit voice recorders may be required on all airliners. George Prill, Director of FSS, said that the Agency may also go to rulemaking on flight recorders to improve performance and capability. SRDS reported that it has nearly completed successful evaluation of two recorder systems that would be priced under \$2,000 and would weigh less than 25 pounds.

FAA STILL NOT 100% IN FUND DRIVES. As of March 22, six offices and services have not yet reached the FAA campaign goals of 100% participation in the National Health Agencies and Federal Service Joint Crusade Campaigns. These offices and services are: Bureau of National Capital Airports, Airports Services, Management Services, Aviation Medical Service, Aircraft Development and Installation and Materiel. These fund drives will last only until April 15th.

CASH PRIZES FOR IDEAS. Project Pacesetter, P&T's campaign for economy through employee suggestions, will award up to \$150 to OPT Washington personnel.

FAA HAS LOWEST RATE OF SICK LEAVE. A recent Civil Service Commission study revealed that Federal employee sick leave has soared to a record of an average of 8.3 days per year. FAA personnel averaged 5.7 days each, the government low in a sample study. The high was registered by the Navy, with 7.9 days annually. The study was based on a random sampling of 90,000 Federal employees who took sick leave during the 1961 calendar year.

DRUG HELPS SURVIVOR RECALL AIR CRASH DETAILS. An FAA physician, Dr. John B. Miller, was given sodium amytal to jog his memory during the investigation of an accident last April. Dr. Miller, the only survivor of the crash near Canton Island in the Pacific, was able to describe circumstances that he had been unable to remember after the crash. This is the first time such a procedure has been used successfully in an accident investigation. The technique of administering a drug to promote memory recall is called narcosynthesis.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. Deputy Administrator Grant has suggested informally that FAA offices refrain from scotch taping signs and pictures on the plaster walls of Agency buildings. His philosophy, and a very good one for employees to share, is that if something is worth putting up and it doesn't go on a bulletin board, then it ought to be framed.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FLY? The Office of General Aviation Affairs is conducting a survey to see if there is enough interest among Washington area FAA employees, their families, and their friends to establish an FAA Flying Club. Mr. Schulte urges everyone to fill out and return the questionnaire whether or not they would like to join a flying club since this survey also will indicate the extent of general aviation participation in this agency.

RONALD W. PULLING NAMED FOR PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. President Goheen of Princeton University has advised the Administrator that Ronald W. Pulling, Manager of the Installation and Materiel Depot, Aeronautical Center, has been selected as a Princeton Mid-Career Fellow for 1963-1964. He will be one of eight Federal career civil servants selected. David Munson, Deputy Director, BNCA, is FAA's first Mid-Career Fellow and will complete his term in June.