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San Francisco Tower Controllers Aid Coast Guard In Rescue

San Francisco Tower control personnel working the midwatch on February 18 provided vital assistance to the U.S. Coast Guard in successfully rescuing three people from the waters in San Francisco Bay. At 2:02 a.m., American Airlines Flight 275 reported a fire on the surface of the water. Team Supervisor Robert Anolin and controllers James Brantley and Roberto Aranda were on duty. They immediately alerted the Coast Guard unit at San Francisco, marked the point on the BRITE radar scope where the fire had been observed, and vectored the Rescue helicopter to the area. Coast Guard personnel said that the fire had involved a boat which had been burned down to the water line. The Coast Guard helicopter picked up three individuals from the water. The report from San Francisco Tower indicates that all three are recovering.

also maintain data and preparing reports on the region's real property assets. Out in the field, results of the expertise of Branch personnel can be seen at such places as the new General Aviation Operations building in Reno which houses the FSS, AFS and GADO; the new Oakland FSS; the new Burbank TRACON, presently under construction; new Ridgecrest Sector Field Office; and the new quarters at Montgomery Field for the San Diego Airway Facilities Sector. Featured on the cover are the "Space Angels": Joan Zubarik (left), Mary Ann Presson (seated) and Sara Richtman. Regional employees will be seeing the "Space Angels" flying around the building as they conduct a utilization study attempting to improve space allocations at the Regional Headquarters. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

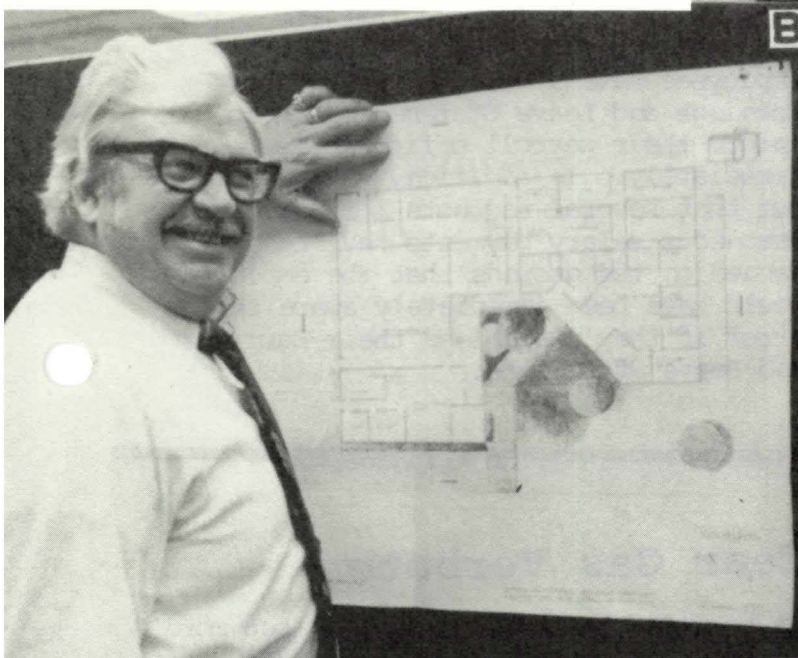
Cover Story

The Logistics Division's Real Estate and Utilities Branch is headed by Bob Moline and has two sections: Real Property and Utilities Section with Aleda Lane, Section Chief, and Mike Spitt, Beth Rollins, David Morgan and Bill Burkhardt as Realty Specialists. The Space Management Section has Sara Richtman as the Section Chief and Joan Zubarik and Mary Ann Presson as Realty Specialists (also known as "Space Angels"). The Branch is responsible for the Western Region's total real estate and utilities needs, including the acquisition of all land and space and related services, space design and layout, as well as the management of all real property holdings. The Real Property and Utilities Section is responsible for the regionwide real property acquisition and management program. The Section's activities include acquiring all technical land and space through means of lease, purchase, condemnation and transfer, and acquiring all related utility services, such as electric power, gas, water and administrative telecommunications services. The Section also continuously monitors and administers all real property interests required in support of a myriad of regional programs. When real property becomes excess to the needs of the region, the Section also administers the real property disposal program. The Space Management Section manages the administrative space program which includes acquiring offices and facilities, preparing space designs and layouts, promoting standards of attractiveness or administrative offices and the employee parking program. They

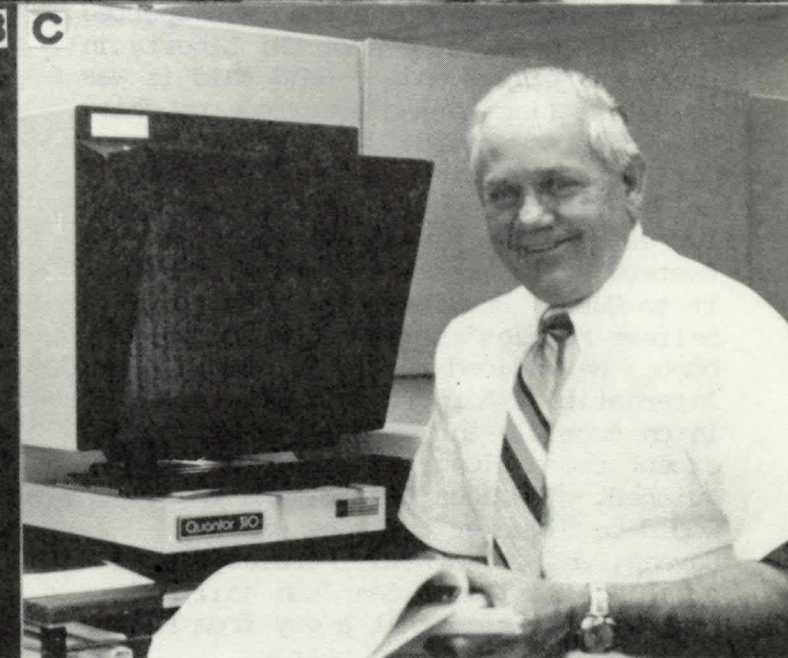
**Logistics
Real Estate And
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A--Members of the Real Estate and Utilities Branch. From left: Beth Rollins, Mike Spitt, Sara Richtman, Aleda Lane, Joan Zubarik, Chief Bob Moline and Mary Ann Presson. Not available on photo day were Dave Morgan and Bill Burkhardt.
B--Bob Moline, Chief, looks over the floor plan for the new Oakland FSS.
C--David Morgan verifies a utility contract payment on the microfiche reader.
D--Mike Spitt(left), Aleda Lane and Beth Rollins(right) review locations for new navigational aids to be constructed in the Western Region.
Photos by Barbara Abels.

The News In Brief

The agency has proposed to fine World Airways for violating safety regulations by operating two unairworthy aircraft. The supplemental carrier was cited for allegedly operating a DC-10 with an inoperative VHF navigation system frequency selector and for leasing an unairworthy B-747 to a foreign company.

● Temporarily a man of leisure, former Administrator Langhorne Bond was spotted recently on the slopes of Ski Liberty in southern Pennsylvania. Bond said it was the first time he had ever been on skis. He didn't say how he did. ● Convinced that both the Mafia and the New York police were after him, Manuel Morales Torres fled the Big Apple aboard an Eastern Airlines jet and tried to divert it to Cuba. But the pilot didn't believe Morales' story about having a bomb. He radioed the tower at San Juan International Airport that he was coming in on schedule and asked that all lights except those along the runway be extinguished. The idea was to make the would-be hijacker think he was in Havana, and it worked. Morales now is awaiting trial in a San Juan jail and probably thinking that a guy from Puerto Rico should have known better.

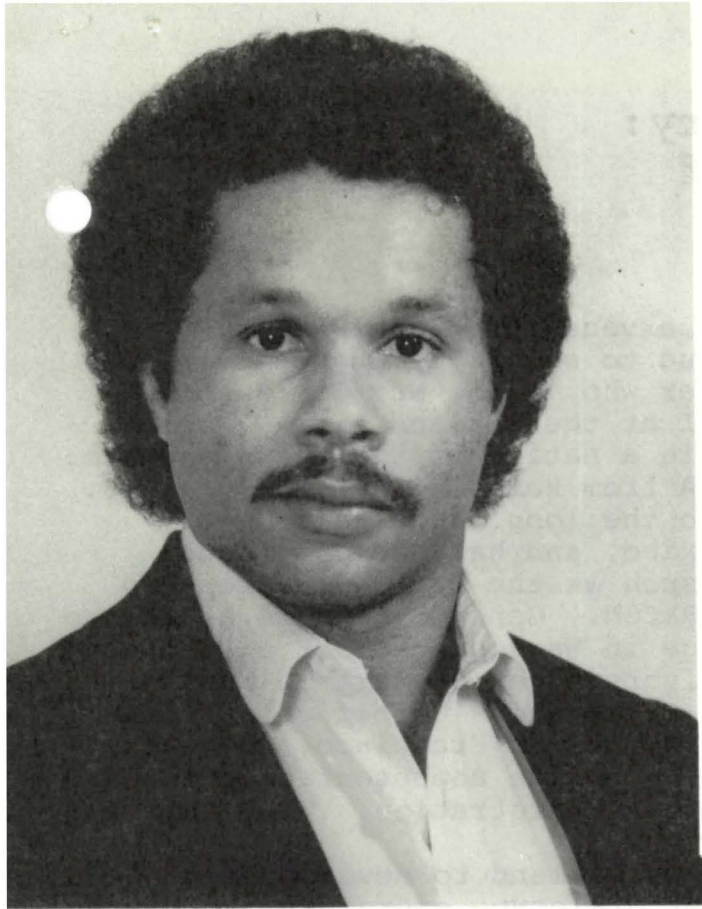
● According to the Southwest Region Intercom, Richard M. Hairston, 58, has the distinction of being the oldest Level V terminal controller in the system. Dick, who is a controller at the Houston Intercontinental Tower, joined the agency as a controller at the El Paso, Texas, Tower in 1961. Now in his 20th year with FAA, he has completed 40 years of Government service. ● In the story entitled "New Part 125 Implemented," last week's Intercom was off 1,000 pounds. The last sentence should have read, "It (the new Part) covers . . . all aircraft of 6,000 (not 5,000) pounds or more."

Good to Read "Earnings and Leave" Statement

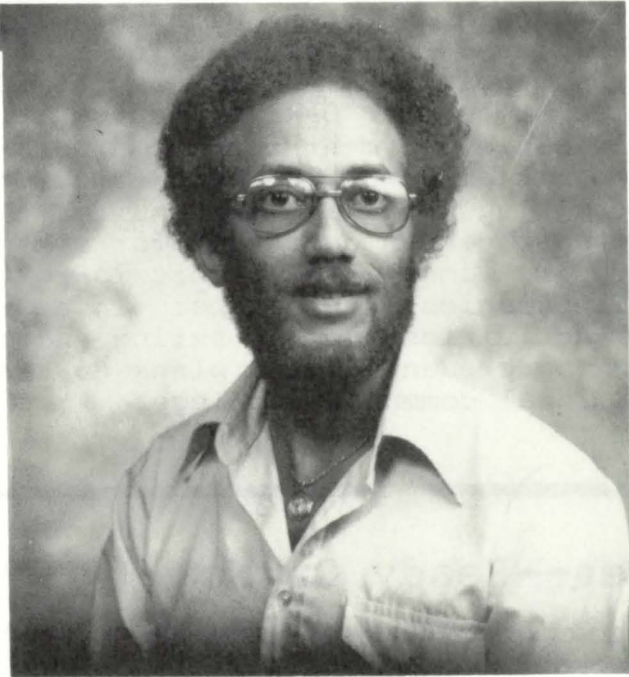
The Office of Accounting wants employees to read their Earnings and Leave Statements every pay period. The idea is to spot errors and get them corrected before they cost money. To drive home this point, AAA cited a recent ruling by the Comptroller General of the U.S. against an employee who was trying to recover dues paid to a union through payroll allotment after he had left the bargaining unit represented by the union. The decision was that the union need not repay the money because employees have a duty to review their Earnings and Leave Statements and to inform their payroll offices of errors immediately. In addition, AAA pointed out that several requests for waivers of erroneous salary payments have been denied on the grounds that the employees would have been immediately aware of the error if they'd examined their Earnings and Leave Statements.

Tear Gas Verboten

Maybe it's the times we live in but more people seem to be carrying tear gas weapons these days. So the agency is reminding air travellers that taking these items on board an airliner or other commercial flight is strictly prohibited. Even putting them in checked luggage could bring a stiff fine and other penalties if the act is done knowingly or willfully. FAA's Western Region issued the warning after noting that the number of tear gas items confiscated at three busy California airports almost doubled during the last half of 1980. For example, at San Francisco International, it went from 64 in the June-September period to 211 in October-December.



Left: Charles Bradshaw, Jr., is a GS-11 Air Traffic Control Specialist at Palomar Tower in Carlsbad, Calif. He is a native Californian with 10 years of Federal service. His first facility was Chandler Field in Fresno where he was very active in minority recruitment and community outreach programs. Before transferring to Palomar, he was awarded a Special Achievement Award for his efforts. Presently, Charles is attending a local college and carrying a grade point average of 3.4. He is still involved with minority recruitment and EEO awareness in north San Diego County. Charles is married and has one son. His hobbies are numismatics (coin collecting) and weight lifting.)



Right: Mervyn M. Ingram is a GS-11 Air Traffic Control Specialist at the Oakland Flight Service Station, with nine years of Federal service. Mervyn spent three years with the U.S. Marine Corps and is a Vietnam veteran. His military awards include: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and Rifle Expert. His FAA awards include: Letter of Commendation, Certificate of Merit and Special Achievement Award - Blythe FSS; and Certificate of Merit - Oakland FSS. Mervyn has attended Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles Trade Technical College

Black History: A Profile of American Courage



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As part of our observance of Black History Month, we are proud to spotlight Eugene Cole, an Electronic Engineer who is the Nav/Com Sector Field Office Chief at the Oakland Airway Facilities Sector. He is a native of the show-me state. He came to the FAA from Kansas City, MO, in 1960. He was assigned to the long range radar site, Mesa Rica, New Mexico, and has had additional duty assignments such as the Oakland Center and the Oakland Bay TRACON. Gene holds an A.A. degree from Ohlone College in Management, a B.S. degree from Cal State University at Hayward in Transportation, and an Electronics Certificate from Cal State University at San Francisco. Gene's wife, Dorothy, is a Service Representative for the Social Security Administration. They have a son and two daughters.

Gene participated in a program with the City of Oakland to develop Electronics Technicians, Environmental Technicians, teletype operators and clerk typists. At one point, he had as many as 20 program participants. The program was aimed at getting Oakland residents that were on subsidized programs into unsubsidized employment through a work-study program that was developed by Gene. Gene is also working with Laney College in a work-study program aimed at recruiting qualified persons for the FAA Airway Facilities Program. This program has been in operation for six months, has eight participants, of which five are women. The effort is to train these participants to become FAA Electronics Technicians. In addition, Gene finds time to pursue some outside activities such as skiing and touch disco dancing. Gene also holds a teaching credential and plans to teach electronics and management courses in a local community college.

Reserves--Ready Or Not

The Department of Defense (DOD) is going to conduct a special screening of FAA employees in military Ready Reserve units to help determine their availability in a national emergency. DOD is taking the action because FAA efforts to get designated "key" employees removed from the Ready Reserve have not been successful. The DOD game plan requires each Ready Reserve unit to ask FAA for a Certificate of Availability for each agency employee on its rolls. If FAA

issues the certificate, the employee can remain in the Ready Reserve. If not, it means the employee is in a key slot and the reserve unit will be notified to that effect. In most cases, such notification will result in the employee being assigned to the Standby Reserve. Where a conflict exists because the key employee also has a critical military skill, the case will be referred to the Pentagon for resolution. Additional information is available from regional personnel offices or APT-220 in Washington headquarters.

A Star Is Born

Sherri McKenzie, Support Services Specialist in the Services Branch, has a major supporting part in the Play, "Nightwatch", a mystery thriller put on by the Palos Verdes Players from February 20 through March 14. Sherri has been performing on the stage in her spare time for nearly seven years. She began her dramatic training at El Camino College and has since performed in the South Bay in such plays as Gypsy, Our Town, Bringing it All Back Home and Faith and No Hard Feelings. She has also performed in Hollywood doing three original plays at the Evergreen Stage and Seven Keys to Baldpate at the famous Masquers Club. Her experience includes commercials, working as an "extra" in major films such as Marilyn, Wild Times, Jayne Mansfield, An American Tragedy and Cutter and Bones. She has just completed the film "Inward Turn" at Long Beach College in which she has a starring part. Sherri hopes to gain more film experience through acting in television and major films. Photo by Barbara Abels.



Sherri McKenzie

Tech Center Simulates Future O'Hare Runways

A remedy for growing pains being felt at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is being sought at the FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City. Using the simulation capabilities of the Center's Terminal Automation Test Facility, FAA researchers have been trying to determine if three aircraft can be allowed to make side-by-side ILS approaches to three parallel runways in IFR weather conditions without vertical separation. To help answer this question, 12 air

traffic controllers, each with recent experience in parallel runway operations, were brought in from the field to participate in the three-week-long test. Various scenarios were run during the test period, simulating different traffic situations at O'Hare. In some instances, the parallel runways were used for both landings and takeoffs and in others for landings only. Also, traffic sample sizes were varied. Information compiled from controller questionnaire responses as well as computer data are currently being analyzed. A report on the simulation is due in March.

Commuters Get Cost Break on Security Rules

Commuter airlines got some good news recently when FAA adopted new security rules for this fast-growing segment of commercial aviation. The rules were narrower in scope and much less expensive than those first proposed by the agency. As a result, regular passenger screening will be required only for aircraft with 61 or more seats instead of 19 or more as specified in the original notice. However, screening will be required for all commuter flights when the passengers will be off loaded in "sterile" terminal areas and in certain other cases where FAA believes a security threat exists. The agency said the scaled-down rules reflect the fact that "the increased security threat to the commuter industry that was expected to result from the implementation of the Airline Deregulation Act has not materialized." The rule is effective April 1.

Foreign Repair Stations

The concept of FAA certifying foreign repair stations to service U.S. aircraft overseas may be outdated. That's the opinion of M. Craig Beard, FAA's Director of Airworthiness, who notes that this actively is a burden on the agency's inspector force. Speaking at an international forum in Zurich, Beard suggested that the time is right "to explore the possibilities of developing means for the multi-national acceptance of maintenance facility approvals and surveillance provided by the airworthiness authority of the country of location. He said FAA already has opened discussion with two countries and plans "to broaden this informal dialogue with others within the year, possibly in the form of a consultative conference."

Sam Grillo's Retirement Luncheon

The retirement luncheon to honor Sam Grillo of the Airway Facilities Program and Planning Branch, Operations Program Section, AWE-423, will be held on Friday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. at the Hacienda Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Cost of the buffet is \$7.85, including tax, tip and beverage. Gift contributions are gladly accepted. Don't forget to sign sheets in each folder for Sam's memory book. All reservations and monies for the luncheon are requested before March 23 to Ruby Ross or Marge Booth, 213/536-6416.

Presidential Task Force Will Study Crew Complement

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis has announced the creation of a Presidential task force to determine if the new generation of jetliners requires two or three persons in the cockpit. Members of the task force have not been picked as yet, but the Secretary said they will be highly qualified individuals not involved in the crew-complement controversy. The panel will study the crew complement for the Boeing 757 and 767, which are currently under development. It also will look at the DC-9 Super 80, which was certificated for two-pilot operation last August. Once appointed, the task force will make its recommendations to the President, the Secretary and the FAA Administrator within 120 days. Secretary Lewis' announcement followed a February 11 meeting with J. J. O'Donnell, President of the Air Line Pilots' Association, and other top officials of the pilots' union. The Secretary noted that "Mr. O'Donnell has pledged that ALPA will abide by the recommendations of the task force." The union also cancelled plans for a nationwide work stoppage that had been scheduled for March 2.

Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector News

Welcome to our new Environmental Support Unit Specialist, Ed Vallentyne; Jerry Marta, new radar training relief; Larry Marinel, new NAV/COM training relief; and Darval Lund, new radar Technician-in-Depth. Administrative Officer Jean Larson received a special letter of thanks from Wayne Lynch, Chief, Training Branch, on the fine job Jean did when she was detailed there last fall. And, Bob Lamora received a thank you from the McClellan RAPCON chief. Sacramento Sector is coping with hiring freezes and staffing shortages by making more use of intra-sector relief details to get the job done. Present examples of this are Tom Plouffe from McClellan to Sacramento Executive for 60 days, and Pat Mercurio from the Technical Support Unit to Sacramento VORTAC for two weeks. The Stockton Field Office is now located in its new office on the second floor of the west side of the Terminal Building. As of Jan. 26, the mobile ASR-8/BI-5 radar was commissioned at McClellan RAD/COM and ARTS Sectors Field Offices. It is temporarily a replacement for the ASR-4 for 60 days or until April 1. Even though the new radar system was delayed by one day, it was still installed and commissioned as scheduled, made possible because of the dedicated technicians and their teamwork. Much of the credit goes to Darval Lund, Sector Technician-in-Depth. Thanks also to Ray Van Buskirk, Tom Sokik, Tom Plouffe, Bob McLain, Al Waters, Marshall Furr, Oklahoma City; Russ O'Mara, Phoenix AF Sector; and Marbara Hamilton, Monterey Sector Field Office.

Civilair Travel Counselor Available

Planning a trip during Easter Season? For your convenience a travel counselor is available on Wednesdays at the Civilair Desk to assist in arranging your personal travel plans. The telephone number on Wednesdays is 213/670-1180. The service includes locating lowest possible fares available, arranging reservations and related matters.

Fullerton Tower Talk

Fullerton Tower personnel recently manned a temporary tower at the Anaheim Convention Center for the Helicopter Association of America national convention. The tower used the "suitcase tower" and operated from the top of a mobile home parked in the parking lot where the heliports were located. Personnel who participated in manning the temporary tower were Controllers D. Rustad, Jon Tankink, D. Livtak and R. Starkey. R. Tunkle was scheduled but had to cancel due to demands at the Fullerton Tower. The Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector provided the technical support with Ken Champagne and Mack Humphery sharing those honors. We say goodbye to Pat Risner who has been going through the terminal orientation part of the pre-developmental program at Fullerton Tower. Pat will report to Ontario Flight Service Station for their portion of this program. We all wish Pat success in her new chosen career! We welcome aboard Linda Whitner as another pre-developmental who will receive her terminal option orientation at Fullerton Tower. We have lost controller Nancy Leon for two weeks due to a tonsilectomy. We all wish Nancy a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

Salt Lake City First To Commission DARC

On Feb. 2, the Salt Lake City Center commissioned its Direct Access Radar Channel (DARC), making it the first Center to go on line with the new computerized radar backup system. The Chicago Center quickly followed suit on Feb. 5 and the Washington Center is scheduled to be operational by mid-month. All three Centers recently completed operational tests of DARC. In the meantime, the other Centers are moving ahead with an accelerated schedule to bring all 20 of them on line with DARC by June. The Salt Lake Center was selected to begin the first site evaluation of DARC beginning in early 1980. Later, DARC also was given a 60-day operational test at the Chicago and Washington Centers to further evaluate the hardware and software changes made as a result of the Salt Lake City test. DARC, which was developed within the original cost estimates, displays some of the same essential flight data on the controller's radar scope as does the primary system. Controllers will be able to switch to it when the primary system fails or is shut down for maintenance. Eventually, DARC will permit the agency to phase out the present "broadband" radar backup system" used at en route centers.

Retiree Death

We are saddened to report that Jerry Weeks, retired Air Traffic Representative at Beale Air Force Base, passed away on February 16 from a massive heart attack. Jerry began his Federal service in 1947 as a trainee at Phoenix Tower. He then served as a controller at Fresno Tower and as Assistant Chief at San Francisco Tower before being transferred to Beale Air Force Base. Our sincere condolences are extended to Jerry's family.

Ontario Flight Service Station News

Traffic has been on the increase this year since our flight service area has been extended to include three civil airports and three military airports in the Orange County area. Our sympathy goes out to Chief Jack Moore, who suffered a heart attack on Jan. 19. Jack is now recuperating at home, and in his absence, Team Supervisor Jerry Marcum has been promoted to Acting Chief. Filling in for Jerry is specialist Ed Nelson, serving as Acting Team Supervisor. Congratulations to Joyce McIlrath, who was recently promoted to the office of Air Traffic Services at National Headquarters. Congratulations also to Jim Ball, a former journeyman selected as our Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist. Farewell to Susan Brewer who was assigned to Imperial FSS, and welcome aboard to Mike Bare and Linda Whitener. Mike comes from Thermal FSS, and Linda is with the Pre-developmental Program. And, finally, welcome back to Les Dhabolt who has been away on sick leave.

More Discounts At Health Club

Good News! Civilair has just received information from Jack LaLanne's Health Club that an additional \$10 has been cut from the price of one year's membership. This reduction is on top of the 50 percent price reduction already offered. The offer is open until May 15 for FAA employees and FAA Western Federal Credit Union employees in Southern California who have not taken advantage of it before. Those interested may obtain a flyer at the Civilair Desk or call the local spa of your choice.

Logistics Division

Congratulations to Lorraine King, Chief, Services/Operations Section, Services Branch, who received an Outstanding Rating and a Special Achievement Award based on her excellent performance in providing services and printing requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity efforts. Lorraine was also promoted to her target grade. Morris Owens and Marcos Juarez of the Services Branch were given a letter of appreciation from the Training Branch for their willing assistance and quick cooperative response. Welcome aboard to Anita Troy, Procurement Clerk, Procurement Branch, from the Great Lakes Region. Anita had been in our Procurement Branch here before leaving for the Great Lakes Region. Doris Keidser, Supply Technician, Materiel Management Branch, has been selected and promoted to Administrative Assistant at the Los Angeles Flight Inspection Field Office. Larry Kruse, General Supply Specialist, Materiel Management Branch, was selected for the position of Traffic Management Specialist in the Procurement Branch. Judy Sullivan, Procurement Clerk, Procurement Branch, was selected and promoted to the Purchasing Agent position in the same branch. Calvin Young, Stay-in-School employee in the Services Branch, has resigned to enter Aeronautics Training school in Tulsa, Okla. Good luck in your new future, Calvin.

FAA Agrees With Blue Ribbon Panel

FAA and the National Research Council's Blue Ribbon panel are largely of one mind when it comes to strengthening the aircraft certification process. The agency

Norm Merkel Retirement Party

Retirement Party for Norm Merkel, Oakland Bay TRACON, is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 at the Amfac Hotel, 2380 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, Calif. (across from the Hyatt). No Host Cocktails - 7 p.m., following by Half Broiled Chicken Dijon Diner at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Lou Martin-NM Retirement and mail to: P.O. Box 8105, San Francisco, CA 94128, no later than March 10. For further information, contact Bay TRACON, 415/273-6115, or San Francisco Tower, 415/876-2883.

recently completed a thorough analysis of the panel's report and concluded that it is "in substantial agreement with the panel's findings." The independent Blue Ribbon panel undertook its study of aircraft certification in December 1979 at the request of former Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt. In its report filed last June, the panel found that the certification process was basically sound but said improvements should be made. FAA concurred in whole or part with 13 of the panel's 17 recommendations ranging from one calling for increased use of Quality Assurance System Analysis and Review teams to one calling for the continued use of Designated Engineering Representatives. It did not agree with recommendations that an independent aviation policy board be established to advise the Transportation Secretary and that the FAA Administrator be selected from a slate of candidates compiled by the board. The agency also pointed out that it already had moved on two recommendations--establishment of lead regions for certification and development of a campaign to recruit new engineering talent.

Meigs Field To Stay Open

Controllers at Meigs Field in Chicago were relieved last week when they heard that the field would not be closed, at least not in the immediate future. Tower Chief Duke Dioguardi told Intercom, "The people here were happy when they heard Mayor Jane Byrne announce that she did not intend to close the field in March." He explained that some controllers, working with the local union, had taken a part in preserving the airport, and they were particularly pleased. FAA advised the mayor in January that closing the general aviation field would "compromise safety and cut down capacity in the Chicago metropolitan system of airports." She was also reminded that the city is committed under various grant agreements to operate the field as an airport at least until 1996.

Learn More About Deregulation

Has deregulation of the air carrier industry improved service? The answers will be provided by John T. Smith, Director, Western Region, Civil Aeronautics Board, on March 11, 1981. Not only will he address service, but also commuter growth, changing aircraft types and airport implications attributable to deregulation. Plan to attend Smith's presentation at the House of Raymond Restaurant, 138th and Hawthorne Blvd., at 11:30 a.m. The registration is \$5.25 and includes a choice of luncheon entrees. The program is sponsored by the Air Transport Group of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Los Angeles Section. For reservations, call 536-6231.

Income Tax Errors Are Common and Avoidable

Many of the errors that delay tax return processing, slow refund checks, and inconvenience taxpayers are avoidable, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reports. In 1980, 7.1 percent of all Form 1040's and 6.2 percent of all Form 1040A's contained at least one math error, with the most common being incorrectly reporting the tax from the tax table. Problems resulted from the taxpayers using the wrong tax table for their filing status, following the line for the wrong income level, and looking under the incorrect column for the correct number of exemptions for that taxpayer. Other common errors on tax returns are reporting information on the wrong line, addition and subtraction errors, not using the peel-off label and instead writing incorrect or illegible Social Security numbers, only one signature on a joint return, failure to attach all W-2's (Wage and Tax Statements), and other supporting forms and schedules, filing status not matching other information on return, and errors in claiming the Child Care Credit and the Earned Income Credit. The IRS advises taxpayers to double-check their returns prior to mailing. Accurate returns are processed more quickly and result in faster refunds.

Retiree On Recovery List

After an October heart attack and subsequent warning signals, FAA Retiree William M. Cain, formerly with the Phoenix TRACON, underwent open-heart surgery on Jan. 20. The by-pass was successful and Bill is now recuperating at his Vancouver, Wash. home and looking forward to a comfortable and active future.

Phil Raybon Retirement Party

Waite P. "Phil" Raybon, Paso Robles FSS, will be retiring on April 4 after 34 years of Federal service. Phil has seen service at the Las Vegas, N.M. FSS; El Morro, N.M. FSS; Hobbs, N.M. FSS; Salt Lake City Center, and entered on duty at the Paso Robles FSS on Nov. 1, 1959, where he has remained until this date. Phil and his wife Felipa reside at 5105 Fresno St., Atascadero, CA 93422. They have three sons, Phillip, Eugene and Steven. Phil has many interests and we know he will be busy with his hobbies and inventions. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers and by all the pilots he has served. His many friends will honor him with a retirement dinner at the Paso Robles Country Club on Friday, April 3. For further information, contact Ed Erickson or Emil Sereda at the Paso Robles FSS, 805/238-2448.

Retirement Party For John Long & Bob Young

A retirement dinner to honor John Long and Robert "Bob" Young, former Principal Avionics Inspector and Airman Certification Inspector, respectively, at the San Diego Air Carrier District Office, will be held on Saturday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 8885 Balboa Avenue, San Diego. Menu choice is either Sea Bass or Breast of Chicken. Cost per person is \$10.25 which includes beverage tax and gratuity. Gift contributions are gladly accepted. Messages for each inspector's memory book may be sent to the San Diego Air Carrier District Office. All reservations and monies for the dinner should be sent to San Diego before March 17, or call (714) 293-5787 or FTS 895-5787. Checks may be made payable to A. E. Pearsall.

Bob Frehse Retirement

W. R. "Bob" Frehse, Chief, Airway Facilities Division, is retiring from the FAA after 35 years of service. You are invited to join in wishing Bob and his wife, Dorothy, best wishes and a warm "aloha" as they depart on a wonderful new career--retirement! The party will be held on Thursday, April 16, in the Hacienda Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Cocktails, 6 p.m., Roast Beef Dinner, 7 p.m. \$12.50 per person includes tax and tip. For reservations, please contact: Mary Andrews, FTS 8-966-6152 or 213/536-6152, or Gayle Hodges, FTS 8-966-6153 or 213/536-6153. Reservations and money must be in by March 30. Make checks payable to Mary Andrews.

Jury/Witness Service

Employees are reminded that when performing jury service or as a court witness they must submit WE Form 2730-104, Certificate of Jury/Witness Service, signed by the Court Clerk, indicating specific days and times attended and daily pay rate. Form must be submitted to the Payroll Branch, AWE-24, within five workdays of dismissal from jury or witness service. Failure to submit this document within five days of return to duty will result in the time being converted to LWOP instead of paid court leave. All money received by the employee from the court except mileage, per diem, and that portion of the basic court fee for service outside the normal tour of duty (working hours), must be forwarded immediately to the Financial Reports and Analysis Section, AWE-22C. For further information, please refer to Order WE 2700.10D/RM/NW 2700.8D.

Airway Facilities Maintenance Operations Branch

Mr. Glen Bunyan, Maintenance Mechanic of the Palmdale Field Maintenance Party, received a Letter of Appreciation from Robert Cox, Los Angeles Center Sector Manager, for his fine workmanship at the Center. A Letter of Appreciation was given the Sacramento Field Maintenance Party crew from the Chief, Establishment Engineering Branch, AWE-450, for the timely and excellent work they performed at Chino ILS, Ryan Field ILS, Livermore IOM and Marysville LOM. Kudos to Dick Morris, who received a Special Achievement Award from the Chief, Maintenance Operations Branch for work performed for the Branch.

Air Traffic Control Game Plan Scores

The Raiders may have upset the Eagles in New Orleans during the recent Super Bowl, but there were no upsets in air traffic control, thanks to five months of planning by FAAers at Moisant and Lakefront airport towers. Moisant Chief Herman Reyenga and Lakefront Chief Peter David met regularly, beginning in September, with airport managers, airline and fixed base operator representatives, city officials and others to anticipate and prevent difficulties which have arisen at past Super Bowls, such as crowded ramps, taxi-way jams and scheduling conflicts. During the critical, busy and often hectic period, the elaborate plans paid off. There were no accidents and only one minor incident--a light plane hit a taxiway light at Moisant. During the critical period, the maximum delay was one hour,

Ozones To Be Tracked

In March, FAA, NASA and Northwest Airlines will begin looking at the data fed back to earth by NASA's Nimbus 7 satellite to see if that information can help airlines avoid high concentrations of ozone. Ozone is a naturally formed gas that forms a protective layer for the earth against potentially harmful radiation from the sun. However, heavy concentrations of it also can cause shortness of breath, and irritation to the eyes, noses and throats of passengers and crews, particularly on long-distance flights above 35,000 ft. Under the two-month experiment, the satellite data will be relayed from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Md., to the Northwest Airline headquarters in Minneapolis. Meteorologists there will use the data to help pilots plan flights to avoid heavy concentrations of ozone. About a year ago, FAA ordered airlines to use filters or find some other way to keep ozone aboard airliners at acceptable levels. The rule was supposed to go into effect Feb. 20, but the agency has granted a one-year exemption because filters are not available now.

compared to four-hour delays at the time of the 1978 Super Bowl. Controlling the record traffic generated by the game required 22 controllers in the Moisant Tower and TRACON on Sunday night, compared to a normal work force of nine. At Lakefront, a "traffic light" was set up on the taxiway leading to the active runway, aircraft were assigned rotating numbers for their clearances and Chief David worked the field in a patrol car, communicating with the tower by radio and to coordinate orderly takeoffs and landings.