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Self-Serve Mail System

Administrator Sees Full ATC Capacity By 1984

The Administrator has told the Congress that he expects to add 3,725 controllers, capable of working operational positions, to the ATC system in each of the next two years, "so that by Jan. 1, 1984, we will have the 12,500 operational controllers needed to run the system at full capacity." However, testifying before a House subcommittee on Dec. 16, the Administrator noted that there is a difference between operating the system at full capacity and completing the rebuilding process. "We will consider the system rebuilt," he added, "when we no longer need to have supervisors man the scopes beyond their normal currency requirements and we can schedule controllers for their typical annual leave, detail them to other non-control assignments as necessary, etc. That may take as much as another year after we're able to operate at full capacity." In separate testimony to a Senate subcommittee on the same day, the Administrator expressed confidence that the agency would be able to hire sufficient numbers of "high quality" trainees to meet its staffing goals. "We believe that the combination of our new battery of aptitude tests and our increased applicant pool will allow us to better select candidates who will be able to successfully complete our training course," he said. "In fact, we expect that it will increase our training success rate by 5 to 10 percent." At both hearings, the Administrator emphasized that the agency would not "cut corners" in order to achieve its staffing goals. "We believe that our projections for rebuilding the system are sound," he continued. "I can assure you I am firmly committed to making sure that the system operates safely during this in-

All To Be Covered

Since the PATCO Health Benefit Plan will not be underwritten by the Prudential Insurance Company for 1982, it will be terminated on Dec. 31. Because of this, the Office of Personnel Management will conduct a special enrollment period for those who participated in the plan. The date of the enrollment will be announced as soon as procedures can be worked out. OPM has indicated that all employees who were enrolled will continue to be covered until they have a chance to sign up for a new plan.

Pay Cap Lifted

Congress and the President have raised the "cap" on Federal salaries from \$50,112 to \$57,500. The action, which gives many top-level officials their first raise in five years, also will benefit journeymen controllers and their supervisors who have been bumping up against the pay cap because of shift work and holiday differentials. The raises become effective during the first pay period in 1982.

terim period and that our controllers receive the proper training necessary to make them fully capable controllers who will protect the integrity of the system in the long term. We have a remarkable safety record in aviation in this country, and I intend to see that we maintain it and improve it."



Cover Story

A self-help mailing system has been initiated in the Regional Headquarters. In the past, the mail clerks delivered and picked up all mail twice daily. Under the new system, all Regional offices sort their own internal mail and place in bins marked for receivers. This has resulted in the elimination of misrouted mail, better service, and mail is now available for pickup eight hours a day. In addition, six man-hours a day are saved which allows the mail clerks to prepare outgoing mail in a more economical manner, which will save

approximately \$15,000 annually in mailing costs. The AWE symbols on the boxes will remain in spite of the fact that we are now AWP since becoming the Western-Pacific Region.

Cover photo: Joan Sunshine, Logistics Division Administrative Officer, is responsible for suggesting the self-help mailing system and recently received a \$100 award for her beneficial suggestion.

Above photo: Angelito Tahum (left) Mail Clerk, and Ernest Foster, Mail and File Clerk. Photos by Barbara Abels.

Phoenix Flight Service Station News

In the past several months, four developmentals have received their facility rating. They are: Timothy Buchanan, Rod McNutt, Mary Miller and Ira Wright. Congratulations! Flight Watch Specialist Ron Speight ran in the Fiesta Bowl Marathon on Dec. 5, with a time of 3 hours, 30 minutes. Before that, he won a Gold Medal in a 10-kilometer run on Nov. 7. Ron also ran for, and won, the new National Association of Air Traffic Specialists Facility Representative. Farewell to the following journey-men who have departed for tower positions: Al Granizo to Stockton; Richard Lawrence, Scottsdale; and Nelson Rendon to Deer Valley.

Tear-Gas Canisters Found Defective

On-Guard Tear Gas Canisters which were purchased at the March 26, 1981, Tear Gas Seminar held after hours at the Hawthorne Federal Building are defective. Persons who purchased these canisters are asked not to use this defective equipment. The Los Angeles Police Department will replace the canisters with properly working canisters in the near future. If you purchased an On-Guard Tear Gas Canister at the March 26 seminar, please contact Gertrude Williams, 536-6264, or Yvonne Gibson at 536-6231 so that we can get a count of purchases and have them replaced.

Send Cheery Cards and Letters

Ernie Landers, General Supply Specialist at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, has been on sick leave since Nov. 18 and is presently undergoing Chemo-Therapy treatments. You may send those cheery cards and messages to Ernie at: 414 N. El Segundo Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

Valley Orthopaedic Clinic - Where Hope Meets Help

EYE CLINIC, TOO.

The Clinic doctors also see many eye problems among the children. As a result, Valley Orthopaedic Clinic is now affiliated with the Eye Clinic of Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. Prompt medical and surgical treatment saves sight.

Over the years the Clinic has seen and treated practically every possible orthopaedic problem: twisted limbs, polio crippling, spinal deformities, club feet, tuberculosis, burns. In addition, there have been other problems common to children. Thus the Clinic has literally given normal life to many children who had no future.

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The financial need increases every year because the more "miracles" performed, the more patients who clamor for help. Those who seek help have a common denomination: poverty. They are too poor to pay and the Clinic offers the *only* hope for their mangled, twisted, crippled bodies. Many of the children treated have never known other medical aid and would not know it now except for this free Clinic.

If the volunteer Clinic is to continue to function, it must have money. The increasing number of patients has made more space and more medical aid vital.

Cash or checks in any amount, which are tax deductible, will be gratefully accepted. Each Division is asked to make its own collection and forward contributions to AWP-10 by January 8, 1982.



Payroll Branch Honored

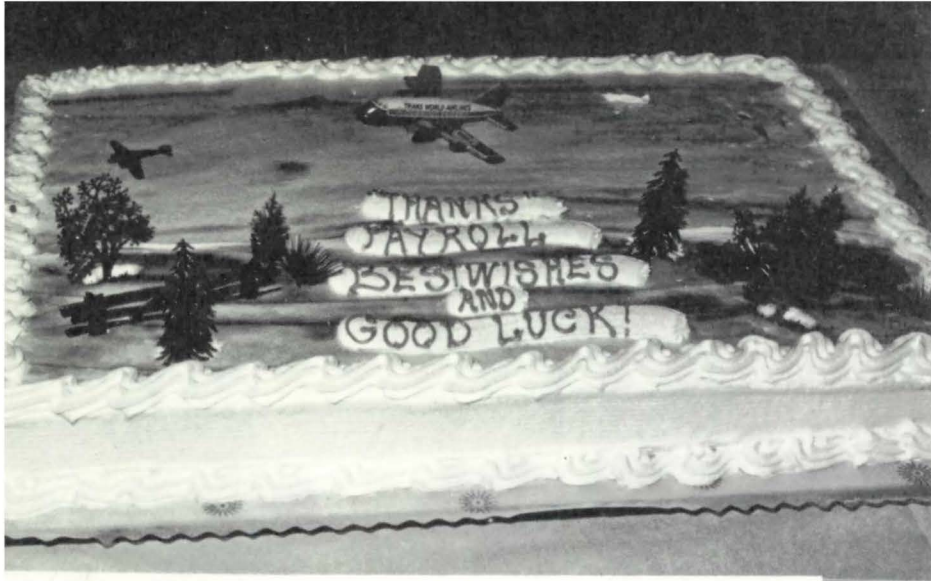
The Regional Payrolling function has now been transferred to Oklahoma City. In honor of all Payroll office employees, coffee and cake was served at Regional Headquarters. Regional Director H. C. McClure expressed appreciation to the Payroll people for their loyalty, dedication and fine service in the past. Included in his remarks was a historical review of the Payroll office and its activity, going back to 1954. This fine group has all our thanks and appreciation for the job they have done. We extend best wishes to each of them in their future endeavors.

Top photo: Daisy Hyatt (right), Chief, Payroll Branch, making her farewell remarks. At left are Executive Officer Jim Nielsen and Regional Director H. C. McClure.

Middle: From left--Cherri Ford, Clerk; Debra Turner, Payroll Technician; Daisy Hyatt, Payroll Branch Chief; and Tracy Robinson, Clerk.

Bottom: Janice Beccue, Payroll Supervisor; and Payroll Technicians Barbara Bennett and Ruth Dennis. Photos by Barbara Abels.





More Payroll People

More Payroll Branch personnel who were recently honored during a coffee and cake gathering at Regional Headquarters are:

Right photo: From left-- Payroll Technicians Sharon Owens, Shirley Ebbet and Carol Marsillo; and Payroll Supervisor Resa Sanders -- representing the Western Region Payroll Section.



Left photo: Standing (from left) -- Jane Meyer, Payroll Clerk; Payroll Technicians Bonnie Jacobs and Marian Gilbreth; and Payroll Supervisor Janice Beccue. Seated--Wanda Tipps and Juanita Mishlove, Payroll Technician -- representing the Northwest Region Payroll Section. Photos by Barbara Abels.

Orange County
Tower Personnel
To Be Featured On
"That's Incredible"



Orange County Tower and some of its personnel will be featured in an upcoming edition of the TV show "That's Incredible". The incident which drew the interest of the program's producers, Allen Landsburg Productions, was the inflight solution of a landing gear problem on a single engine Cessna that had departed the John Wayne Airport with four people on board. Tower personnel Mary Eaton, Pete Carey and Mark Washam all participated in handling the flight during the several hours of attempts to restore the landing gear to a normal position for landing. Finally, a passenger had to reach out of the aircraft in flight and push the gear down to avoid an imminent crash landing. Tower personnel deserve a "well done" for their

complete cooperation and teamwork with the pilot and others who helped bring the episode to a safe conclusion. The showing of the sequence should be aired sometime in the near future.

A--Re-creating contacts with the pilot and explaining how the gear mechanism works, from left, are: Mark Grossan, Allen Landsburg Productions; Mechanic called over from Martin Aviation; Member of filming crew; Another mechanic from Martin Aviation; Ron Howard, co-owner of the aircraft; and Mark Washam, Orange County Tower Controller.

B--"That's Incredible" crew filming fly-by from Orange County Tower cat-walk.

C--Controller Mary Eaton at local control. Photos by Ralph Odenwald.

The News In Brief

With 1981 nearly over, all elements of commercial aviation were showing better safety records than for the same 11-month period in 1980. Scheduled jet airline operators had no passenger or crew fatalities due to crashes, commuters reduced fatalities from 25 to 22 and air taxi operators from 84 to 73. General aviation also showed a drop in fatalities from the 1980 level. They were down from 1,203 to 1,165.

● The 63 controllers and other operational employees at Philadelphia International Airport made history on Dec. 4 when they moved from the old cramped tower to the new 10-story, Welton Becket tower across the field. The move went smoothly with no interruption in traffic.

Deputy Chief Thomas Hamill said the "entire work force" is very pleased with the new roomy quarters. He noted that the new structure gives controllers an unobstructed view of the entire airport in contrast to the old facility. "All in all," he added, "it's fantastic."

● The Lockheed Corp. has decided to phase out production of the L-1011 wide-body passenger jet, although airlines may still order new L-1011s for six months or so. The last new plane now on order will be delivered in 1984. However, even after that date, Lockheed will continue to support existing L-1011 fleets with spare parts and other services. The first L-1011s began service with airlines in 1972.

Contract Awarded Field Office Update

To help aviation safety and civil security inspectors spend less time at their desks doing paper work and more time on the job in the field, the agency has awarded a contract for dictating and recording equipment to the Sony Corp. The equipment ordered will enable district offices to complete the first facets of the Field Office Modernization program, which is part of the Aviation Safety Analysis System. All in all, approximately 1,600 portable recorders with 1,919 remote microphones, 143 central recorders and 448 transcribers are on order. The dictation equipment will enable inspectors to dictate reports while still on location and send them to their home offices automatically on any telephone. First deliveries of the dictation equipment will begin Jan. 3 and will be made to five Southern Region offices.

Parking Rules Unchanged

President Reagan has decided that Government workers will not have to pay higher parking fees because the action "would impose yet another financial burden on Federal employees who have had only a 4.8 percent increase in their pay." The President's decision followed a Federal appeals court ruling in Washington, D.C. that President Carter acted lawfully in November 1979 when he instituted a two-step parking program pegged to local commercial rates. The program was suspended in March 1980 when a Federal District judge ruled it was illegal because it had not been approved by Congress. Subsequently, parking fees in Federal buildings and lots were either abolished or reduced to nominal rates that covered the cost of parking attendants, such as the \$14-per-month fee at Washington headquarters.

Awards

Quality Within-Grade Increase Awards:

John Puchalski, Electronics Technician, Prescott AF Sector Field Office.
Fred Miller, Chief, Prescott AF Sector Field Office (AFSFO).
James Wylie, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFSFO.

Special Achievement Awards:

David Shute, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFSFO.
Betty Roque, Flight Service Specialist, Oakland FSS.
Pete Hall, Teletype Operator, Oakland FSS.
James Borsari, Ruby Ross and Ann Ta'a, Logistics Procurement Branch.

Beneficial Suggestion Award:

Joe Perez, Electronics Technician, Phoenix ARSR.

Letters of Commendation:

Charles Farnham, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFSFO.
Bill DeBlasio, Sam Zakoian, Bruce Britos, Jimmy Turner and Darryl Mueller,
Oakland FSS, for their exceptional efforts in the move to the new facility.

Letters of Appreciation:

Douglas McCabe, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFSFO.
Barbara Schwitters, Administrative Services Clerk, Phoenix AFS.
Floyd Howerton, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFS.
Sara Richtman, Real Estate and Utilities Branch.
Mark Roser, Administrative Management Staff, Logistics Division.
Stan Duarte, Services Branch.

Career Service Emblems:

25 years:

Dave Morgan, Real Estate and Utilities Branch.
George Hioco, Deputy Chief, Oakland Flight Service Station.
Donald Ohms, Electronics Technician, Phoenix AFSFO.
James Stosberg, Electronics Technician, DMA/Tucson AFSFO.

3 years:

Offie Baugh, General Supply Specialist, Phoenix AFS.



40-YEAR-PIN FOR WAIN BEARD

Wain Beard, Environmental Support Supervisor at the Oakland ARTS Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, recently received his Career Service Emblem for 40 years of Federal service. Wain is a "double threat" employee proficient in both the electronic and environmental fields. Left photo: Wain Beard (right) receives his 40-year pin and congratulatory letter from Sector Manager Jerry Long, while (below) Wain and his co-workers look over the congratulatory letter from Alex Hammond, Chief, Airway Facilities Division. From left--Bob Nelson, Environmental Support Supervisor; Wain Beard; Rich Sherry, Engineering Technician; and Leonard Mummert, Environmental System Technician. Photos by Jim Hansen.

Civilair News

The "Ghost Calendars" for 1982 are now available at the Civilair Desk. Price of the calendars is \$7.00.

Oakland FSS News

Oakland Flight Service Station is alive and well, but has undergone a rather large staffing change. Specialist Bill De Blasio has retired and moved back to Bakersfield, and the following specialists have all transferred to the Terminal option: Dedra Elliott and Edale Clark to San Carlos; Ora King, Beverlyann Angros and Jerome Baranow to Hayward; Ward Simpson and Jerry Audiat to Reid-Hillview; Jerry Raney to Concord-Buchanan; Dave Mangels to Livermore; and Rex MacLean to Sacramento Metro. Specialist Dick Ridgeway transferred up to Sacramento FSS. To replace our departing specialists, Chris Weber has come down from Arcata as our Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, replacing Andy Davie who was detailed in that position. Congratulations to Dennis Acquistapace and Sandra Burgoyne, who are now Mr. and Mrs. Acquistapace. Team Supervisor Donald Haven recently returned from a Texas vacation where he plans to retire next year. Specialists returning from vacations include Bev Taylor from Lake Powell; Darryl Mueller, East Coast; Gus Guzman and Andy David, Puerto Rico; and Teletype Operator Jeanette Daviton from Mexico where she caught a 9 ft., 129 lb. sailfish. Congratulations was passed to Charles Hutchings, as his son, Charles, Jr., a defensive back for Stanford University football team, intercepted a pass against University of California and ran back for a touchdown. Also, congratulations to Charles Campbell whose daughter, Deborah, was promoted to TV news reporter at ABC affiliate, KNTV-TV at Las Vegas. Our condolences to Paul Pagel on the recent death of his father.

Barlow Takes Seattle Post

Wayne J. Barlow, a career Federal employee, has been named deputy director of the Northwest Mountain Region (ANM). Barlow served as director of the Great Lakes Region since July 1979 before accepting the appointment as deputy of the recently enlarged ANM. He joined the agency in 1959 as an electronics technician in the Western Region. Before serving as director of the Great Lakes Region, he was deputy director and before that was chief of the region's Airports Division.

Civil Air Patrol Turns 40

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, celebrates its 40th anniversary this month. The patrol was created on Dec. 1, 1941, by civilian pilots, mechanics and other aviation enthusiasts. Wartime activities included flying coastal patrol along the Atlantic seaboard searching for hostile submarines, flying border patrol between Mexico and the U.S., as well as ferrying aircraft, aircraft parts and blood plasma. For this service, CAP members received 25 decorations for exceptional service and 825 Air Medals. Today, CAP works closely with FAA while accomplishing its three major missions, which are emergency services, aerospace education and the cadet program. Since the end of World War II, CAP members have saved hundreds of lives and have flown hundreds-of-thousands of hours on practice and actual search and rescue missions. Currently, the 35,000 senior members and the more than 23,000 13- to 19-year-old cadets maintain a continued level of preparedness for emergency situations.