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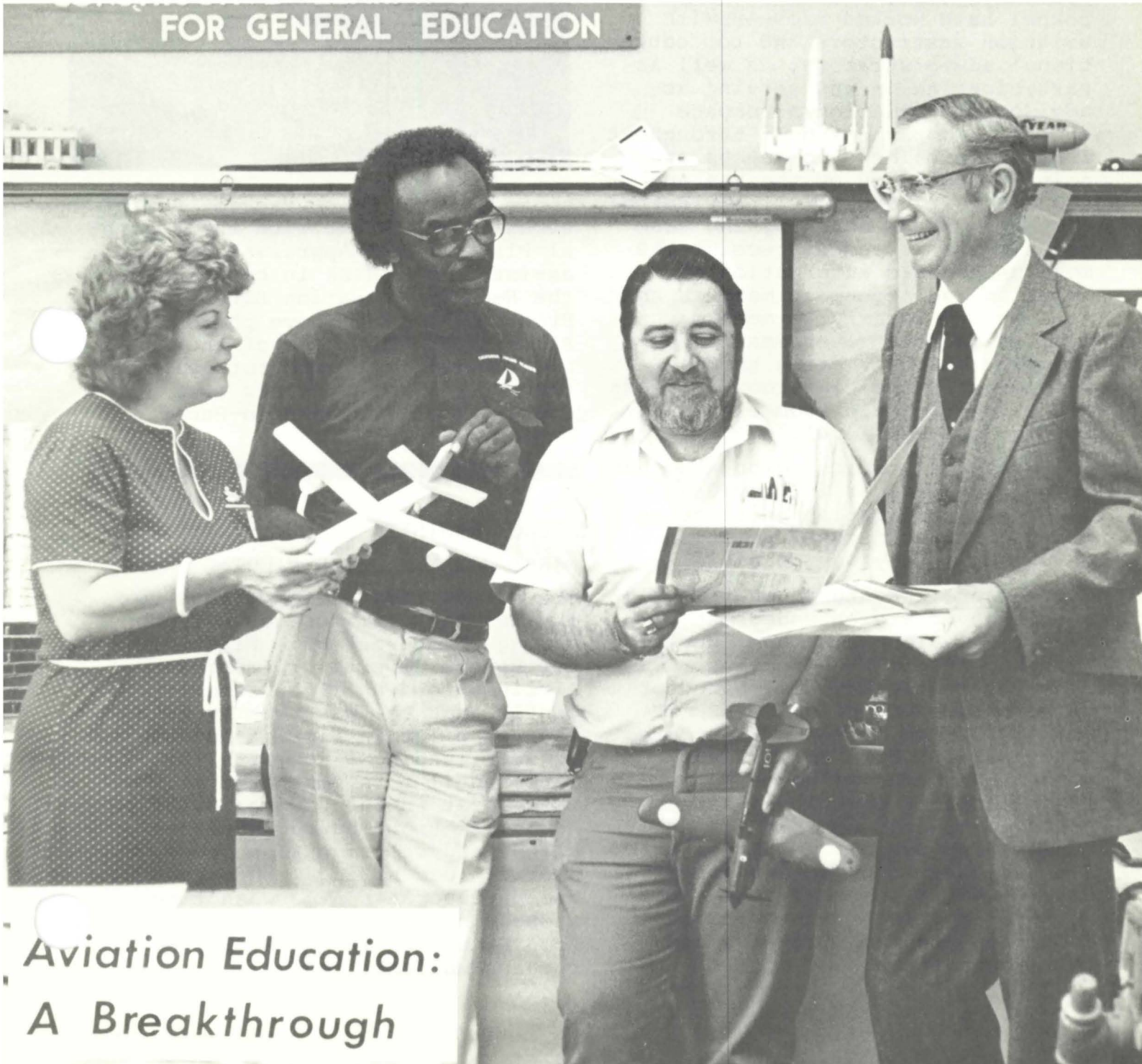


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FOR GENERAL EDUCATION



*Aviation Education:
A Breakthrough*

Cover Story

The FAA Western-Pacific Region recently witnessed a breakthrough in Aviation Education when the Los Angeles Unified School District adopted an aviation program as part of its curriculum for the first time in history. Los Angeles is the second largest school district in the nation.

For many years, Regional FAA personnel have worked closely with aviation instructors and top educational administrators, as well as participating in and serving as advisors to aviation/aerospace education workshops held throughout the region. These workshops are jointly sponsored by the FAA and the U.S. Air Force/Civil Air Patrol. They are "hands on" training sessions where attendees receive the most up-to-date information on aviation and aerospace matters and have an opportunity to meet with leaders in both government and industry before sharing their knowledge in the classroom. Affected students range from elementary through college level.

The Western-Pacific Region also has long been a leader in providing materials to aviation instructors and helping to further aviation education in any way possible.

Cover photo: Featured on this week's cover are attendees at a recent Aviation/Aerospace Education Workshop held in Los Angeles. From left--Jule Zumwalt, Director of Aerospace Education, USAF/CAP Liaison Office at Mather Air Force Base, Calif.; Earl Burse, Aerospace Instructor at North Hollywood High School; Stan Yellin, Aerospace Instructor at John Adams Junior High School; and Royal Mink, FAA Regional Planning and Appraisal Chief, who is responsible for the Western-Pacific Region Aviation Education Program. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.



Above photo: Alice Vaccio, Administrative Assistant with the Regional Planning and Appraisal Office, assists Royal Mink in carrying out the Regional Aviation Education Program. In the above photo, Alice is filling some of the numerous requests received for aviation education materials from educators in the Western-Pacific Region.

AGENCY ASSISTED

FIRST WOMAN AIRLINE PILOT

One of the first women pilots to fly for the airlines got her job through FAA--sort of. First Officer Bonnie Tiburzi of American Airlines told an interviewer recently that she was working as a charter pilot in Florida and having no luck landing a job with the airlines until a "sympathetic male bureaucrat in the Federal Aviation Administration" heard about her plight and called her up to say American was hiring. Unfortunately, the bureaucrat's name wasn't mentioned in the article so, like the Good Samaritan in the Bible, he remains unidentified.

LOS ANGELES AF SECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT

ORGANIZES QUALITY CIRCLE

Members of the LAX AFS Environmental Unit recently formed a quality circle calling themselves the "Versatility QC." A quality circle is a group of from three to 15 employees from the same work environment who are trained in problem solving methods and who meet on a regular basis, with their supervisor as the leader, to identify and solve problems in their own work area and present them to management. With the formation of the Versatility QC, there are now three QCs at LAX AFS. Versatility QC members are presently undergoing training in problem solving techniques.

Right photo: From left--Earlie Nichols, Raul Santa Cruz, Larry Fay, George Overly, Lenny Evans, Sam Cathcart--and kneeling, Ben Ortega and QC Leader Lou Romero. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

The Western-Pacific Region Federal Women's Subcommittee will be celebrating the first annual National Women's History Week March 7-13.

In celebrating the history of women, we can further realize the heritage of women's contributions in the United States.

National Women's History Week coincides with International Women's Day, March 8, proclaimed at the turn of the century to recognize the tremendous work of women in the labor movement and the international connections among all women.

The multicultural study of women's history means reclaiming the contributions and impact of all women. In not knowing how the lives of the women before us were spent, we lose the richness of our heritage and the inspiration of this tradition of activism and

accomplishment. Through knowing women's history, we can recapture the inspiration of these women and realize further women's roles and their potentials.

A Western-Pacific Region program has been scheduled for **March 9** in Room 3E-26-34 on the third floor at Regional headquarters. The schedule is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30-9:45 - Welcome and Opening Remarks.
- 9:45-10:15 Guest speaker, Ms. Jo Fasciona, Vice-President, Operator Services, Pacific Telephone Company.
- 10:15-10:30 Questions & Answers

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 - 2:40 - Film, "The Emerging Woman", tracing women's history in the United States.

PHOENIX TRACON NEWS

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Joe Kisicki who has been reassigned to the Academy as Assistant Superintendent for Recovery. Members of the local Federal and military community joined FAA in honoring Joe at a farewell luncheon. Joe was deeply involved in the Federal Executive Association, served as member of the Federal Executive Board, and the annual Combined Federal Campaign. He will be greatly missed.

Others departing the TRACON include Team Supervisor Paul Porter, who is retiring, and Administrative Officer MaryAnn Shonk who transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps in Barstow, Calif., as an Employee Relations Specialist.

New employees include career-conditional controllers David Hampshire, Dan Nelson, Brad Uhl and Mike Weber, while Carl Berry, Jerry Covey and Dante Edwards have been reinstated as controllers. Flight Data Specialists include Alan Dohanyos, Dick Meldahl, Robert Mizell, Tom Sebring, Steven Shack and Pati Winkel. Other new controllers are Bob Anderson, from Scottsdale GADO; Rick Waites from Scottsdale Tower; and Bruce Armitage from Seattle Center. Our new Administrative Services Clerk, Norma Lavinder, transferred from Pacific-Asia Region's Air Traffic Division.

Best wishes and congratulations to newlyweds Steven Shack and the former Donna Kline.

AF EMPLOYEE'S DAUGHTER

TOP RUNNER

Congratulations to Gina Cole, daughter of Gene Cole, Chief, Nav/Com Sector Field Office in Oakland, for placing first in the 400 meter and second in the 200 meter in the Women's Open, All Comers Track Meet at University of California at Berkeley. Keep up the good work Gina!

PLEASE DOUBLE-SPACE INTERCOM SUBMISSIONS

We are happy to receive your INTERCOM items in any way it is convenient for you to submit them: i.e., printed neatly; typed on plain bond, speed memo, formal memo--even on scraps of paper. However, it will help the editor and the word processor if in the future you will double-space your submissions. Many thanks for your cooperation -- and keep 'em coming!

NTSB SAFETY STATS OUT

The National Transportation Safety Board has changed the way it categorizes commercial aircraft accidents, with the result that 1980 and 1981 were even better safety years for the scheduled airlines than we had thought. Under the new system, the June 1980 Air Wisconsin accident and the January 1981 Cascade Airways crash now are listed in the commuter category, so that means the scheduled carriers operating under FAR Part 121 had no fatalities in 1980 and only four non-flight-related, single-person accidents in 1981. And the Board noted that: "The large airlines' total and fatal accident rates remained far below their rates of a decade ago. In 1972, both rates were roughly twice those recorded last year. The trend since then has been steadily downward." The commuter air carriers just about held their own in 1981, according to the Board's statistics. They had nine fatal accidents with 35 deaths as compared to seven and 36 the previous year. Conversely, on-demand air taxis had fewer fatal accidents (34 vs. 42) but more fatalities (95 as opposed to 88). Meanwhile, the Board's official figures show general aviation had 1,265 fatalities in 1981, which is one more than the 1980 total. The number of fatal accidents, however, went up from 629 to 662.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis will testify March 3 on Capitol Hill in support of proposed legislation to increase premium pay for controllers and others involved in the operation and maintenance of the air traffic control system. The one-day hearing has been called by the House Post Office and the Civil Service Committee, which has been considering the legislation since its introduction last fall. The committee already has heard testimony from the FAA Administrator and other key agency officials.

● Former Pacific-Asia Region Director Robert O. Ziegler has retired to the good life in Honolulu with one final reminder of FAA's appreciation for his dedicated service. The 35-year FAA veteran was presented with the agency's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his career contributions to the cause of aviation safety. A former controller who worked his way up through the ranks, Ziegler was made Director of the Pacific-Asia Region in 1976.

FURLOUGHS AFFECT LEAVE BUT NOT HOLIDAY PAY

If the program to furlough most FAA employees for 12 days over a six-month period goes through as planned, employees will lose the amount of annual and sick leave normally earned in one pay period. Here's the way it works for full-time employees: When an employee has accumulated 10 furlough days, that means he or she has been off the job for one full pay period. Accordingly, he or she loses four hours of sick leave and four, six or eight hours of annual leave, depending on the employee's longevity. On the other hand, the plan to furlough employees will have no effect on paid holidays as long as furlough days are not scheduled both immediately before and after the holiday. In other words, furlough days cannot be taken both Friday and Tuesday in conjunction with a long holiday weekend without losing the holiday pay. However, furlough days can be scheduled either before or after holidays and the employee will still be paid for the holiday.

CAPSULE GLIMPSES...

MEET HOY WASHBURN, CHIEF, OAKLAND FSDO

Hoy Washburn, Chief of the Oakland Flight Standards District Office, came to the FAA in 1964 as an Air Carrier Avionics Inspector. Hoy has served as the Airworthiness Unit Chief in the San Francisco Systemworthiness Analysis Group, and also as assistant chief of the Oakland FSDO. Prior to joining the FAA, Hoy was manager of communications and avionics departments for Alaska Airlines and West Coast Airlines. He is an avid computer and Ham Radio hobbyist.



MORE AIRPORTS THAN EVER

There are more airports in the U.S. today than ever before, but the number open to the public continues to decline. An end-of-the-year facility count showed 15,476 airports, heliports and other landing facilities available to civil aircraft in 1981, an increase of 315 from the previous year. However, the number of facilities open for public use dropped by 229 to 6,290. Of the total landing facilities, 771 are served by certificated air carriers. As far as landing facilities in individual states is concerned, Texas leads all the rest. If a pilot wants to land in Texas, he has 1,431 places to choose from. Other states in good shape, are Illinois with 929, California 832, Pennsylvania 698 and Alaska 689.

ADMINISTRATOR ASKS COLLEGES FOR AVIATION CURRICULUM

The Administrator has asked the nation's colleges and universities to help train future managers and engineers for the FAA and other aviation organizations: "In FAA as well as in other elements of the aviation industry, there is a continuing need for well-trained people for both technical and managerial positions," he said. "I believe that American colleges and universities can play a significant role in preparing people to fill our needs. Toward that end, I am proposing establishment of a curriculum that we believe would enable us to broaden our base of recruitment and enhance development of our work force." The Administrator said the curriculum should provide a basic foundation in the general elements of aviation and lead to degrees in airway science. His letter asked for responses as soon as possible, noting that some universities already are firmly committed to a program.

FAA CITES SPACE PILOTS

The agency has presented its Distinguished Service Award to Astronauts John W. Young and Robert L. Crippen who flew the space shuttle, "Columbia" on its first trip into space. The citations accompanying the silver medals said: "This award is being bestowed in recognition of their outstanding contributions to aviation as crew of the space shuttle. Both of them displayed unusual courage and the highest degree of professionalism throughout the first space flight, reentry, and successful landing of the shuttle. Their accomplishment on behalf of aviation progress was of broad public interest to all Americans, as well as the international aviation community." The awards were presented by the Administrator during a speaking engagement in Houston on Feb. 4.

EASLEY LARKIN RETIREMENT

Easley "Easy Love" Larkin, Team Supervisor at Los Angeles Flight Service Station, will retire in April after 28 years of dedicated service with the CAA/FAA. A dinner will be held in Easley's honor at the Cockatoo Inn on Friday, April 2. Cost is \$12.50 per person (including tax and tip). The Cockatoo is located at the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Imperial Highway in Hawthorne, Calif. A No Host Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. For information, reservations and payments, contact:

Janet Duckworth, LAX FSS
5885 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: 213/642-3961

Checks and Money Orders will be accepted made payable to Janet Duckworth. Please join Easley's friends at the "Easy Love Affair!"

35 YEARS FOR EUGENE LUNG

Eugene Lung (center), Electronics Technician at the Honolulu Center Airway Facilities Sector, receives his 35-year service pin from Sector Manager John H. Gordon and AF Watch Supervisor Warren Sato. After 13 years in the military, Eugene joined the FAA in 1959. His FAA career started at the old Kaloko Receiver Station. Since that time, Eugene has worked at the Molokai Receiver Station, Wake Island and Guam.



AWARDS

Outstanding Performance Rating:

Gertrude Rodriguez, Oakland Airway Facilities Sector.

Special Achievement Awards:

Lewain Beard, Oakland Airway Facilities Sector.

Richard Leary, ATCS - EPDS, San Diego Flight Service Station.

Letters of Appreciation:

Dennis Nelson, San Diego Flight Service Station from Chief, San Diego FSS.

Letter of Commendation:

Maurice Shwetzter, Oakland AF Sector, from Chief, Concord Tower.

Career Service Emblems:

25 years

John W. Smith, Oakland Airway Facilities Sector.

FAA REQUESTS

TWO-YEAR RULE EASED

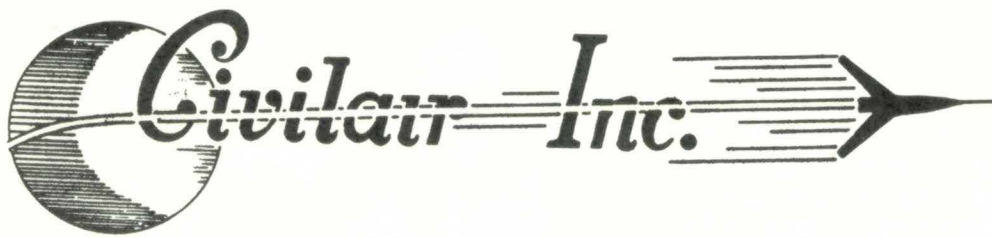
FAA has contacted the Office of Personnel Management about exceptions to the rule requiring restored use-or-lose leave to be taken within two years. The agency is concerned that controllers and others involved in rebuilding the ATC system could lose leave without some relief. OPM permits restoration of leave lost because of "exigency of the public business" as long as it is scheduled and approved in advance, so controllers who did their paperwork have nothing to fear on this score. But the two-year limit on use of restored leave could cause problems for many FAAers and the agency will survey the regions in the near future to assess the potential impact. Although OPM will not grant a blanket waiver, it does seem willing to consider exceptions to the rule when an agency can demonstrate imminent losses of significant amounts of leave at specific locations.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN DIEGO...

JIM GREENWOOD & WILEY SEWELL

RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement dinner in honor of Jim Greenwood and Wiley Sewell of San Diego Flight Service Station will be held on Sat., March 13, at the Mariner Officers Club, Main and 32nd. St., San Diego. Cost: \$11.50 per person (includes tax, tip, gift and entertainment). For reservations, contact Lori Williams at the San Diego FSS by March 9. We also wish John Morrison and Dennis Nelson GOOD LUCK as they leave the facility. John, a Developmental Specialist, has recently completed FSS certification and has been permanently reassigned to the Blythe FSS. Dennis has been selected and reassigned to Brown Tower in San Diego. We are going to miss John and Dennis, but know they will do well in their new facilities.



WHAT IS CIVILAIR, INC.?

Many have asked and especially for you newcomers to the Western-Pacific Region, here is what Civilair, Inc., is all about: First of all, it is YOUR employee organization. It was founded in 1938 in the former CAA Western Region. It is a California Non-Profit Corporation. Its purpose is to provide those essential morale-building services which cannot be provided with the government's appropriated funds, and which fall within our corporate charter.

Everyone in the Western-Pacific Region who has an FAA ID Card is automatically a member of Civilair. Our services are extended to other employees who are located in the Regional Headquarters building, and to the FAA Western Federal Credit Union Employees.

Civilair is governed by a Board of 20 Directors, each of whom serves for a term of two years. Half of the directors are elected each year by whatever democratic process the respective organizations choose to use. Each director represents from 15 to 50 people of the Regional Headquarters or the LAX Hangar. They also represent the employees of their division's field offices, if any. Directors are expected to serve as two-way communicators between their constituents and the Civilair Board. They let the board know what their people would like Civilair to do for them, and they inform their people as to what Civilair is doing or plans to do. Civilair does much of its work through committees. The Chairmen of the committees, plus the four officers, compose an Executive Committee which is empowered to act for the board in emergencies when time makes it impractical to convene

the whole board. Every director serves on at least one committee. However, we augment committees with other interested FAA employees to insure enough manpower to accomplish the committee's and Civilair's goals. Volunteers are welcomed. Civilair sponsors and supports many group activities such as Toastmasters, Bowling League, Bridge, Golf, season tickets to Dodgers and Rams, picnics, parties, etc. It provides discount-buying services through a service desk on the fourth floor of the Regional Headquarters building. Other services include tickets to various entertainment and sporting events, Disneyland, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Knotts Berry Farm, Business Cards, Electronic Ignition Systems, plaques, mugs, cups, FAA Jewelry, coin purses, and many other specialty items not usually available locally.

Civilair is joined in an affiliation with employee organizations in the other regions, the Aeronautical Center NAFEC, and Agency Headquarters. We can also participate in any of their activities. In addition, we have an agreement with the 35,000 member Los Angeles County Employees Organization and with TRW where we can participate in their many travel and recreational activities.

For field employees wishing further information, you may call (213) 644-8525 or write to Civilair, Inc., AWP-60, P. O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope! The Civilair Desk is located on the 4th floor of the Regional Headquarters building, and the hours are 10-2, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (closed Wednesdays).

MERLE CLURE...

NEW CHIEF OF HONOLULU CENTER

Merle D. Clure has been named new chief of Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center. Merle began his FAA career in May of 1960 as an Assistant Air Traffic Control Specialist at Oakland Center and served at the FAA Academy as an instructor in Data Systems; as a Data Systems Specialist at the Seattle Center; and was Associate Program Manager, NASPO/SRDS at Washington headquarters before returning to the Western Region as Assistant and later Deputy Chief of the Oakland Center. Merle was a U.S. Army pilot and has more than 1,000 hours as pilot in command. Merle has been very active in community organizations such as the YMCA, Boy Scouts of America and Little League Baseball, and was on the Board of Directors for the San Ramon Valley AAU Swim Team during 1978-79. Merle is married and has three children.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

HAVE..YOU..HEARD..IT IS

We're sure you're familiar with the story about the pessimist and the optimist who were both looking at a glass half-filled with water. The pessimist turns to the optimist and complains, "Gee, the glass is half empty!" "Oh, no," counters the optimist, "Can't you see that it is half full?"

There is a malady going around called "Haveyouhearditis." Its victims are miserable and unhappy and spread their discontent to all who will listen. Unfortunately, the disease is highly contagious. Its cause? A negative attitude, not having the facts and not bothering to obtain them.

We in the Western-Pacific Region have a great deal to be thankful for. Yes--in spite of the economic situation, in spite of the furlough,

budget restrictions, reduced staffing and general unrest--yes, in spite of all these things we're thankful for and proud of our FAA family and our esprit de corps... and we're extremely proud of our dedication and accomplishments. In spite of the appearance of negatives, our mission is still there, our dedication is still there, our cooperating with each other and our working together toward a common goal is still there. We much prefer to take the positive approach and see our glass as half full -- as indeed it is! What can we do about "Haveyouhearditis?" There is no magic formula. Each employee must take responsibility for putting down rumors, accentuating the positive, and concentrating on what's good about us. Fortunately, this positive attitude is also highly contagious --and its rewards are many.

RETIREES' LUNCHEON - APRIL 20

A Retirees' Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m. at the Kings X Restaurant, 6835 LaTijera, in Westchester, just off the San Diego Freeway at Centinela. Choice of Filet of Sole or Sirloin Tips, \$7.00, including tax and tip, payable at the luncheon. Please make reservations and entree selections by April 14 by contacting Phil Guindon, 213/670-8124, or Fred Potter, 213/670-8769, 7222 Kentwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Let's hear from FAA and Credit Union retirees for this informal get-together.

MONTREAL, MEXICO JOBS OPEN

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has three job openings in Montreal and one in Mexico City. The positions in Montreal are: PC 52/81 Technical Officer, P-2; PC 53/81 Language Officer (translator), P-3; PC 54/81 Technical Officer, PEL/TRNG, P-4. In Mexico City, the opening is for a Technical Officer, MET, P-4. Applications for all jobs are due in Washington headquarters, API-19 by April 1. Information about salary, duties and benefits is available from personnel offices.

NO BACKPAY FOR FORMER WG EMPLOYEES

As a result of a recent Supreme Court decision, Wage Grade employees who moved from the WG to the General Schedule (GS) pay system will not be eligible for backpay as a previous Court of Claims ruling indicated. The Supreme Court ruled that the new salaries of WG employees promoted to GS positions should not include a two-step increase for the GS grade to which promoted. The lower court previously had ruled that the two-step increase should be included.

THINK PHOTOS

THINK BLACK & WHITE GLOSSY

All photos submitted to Public Affairs for publication in INTERCOM or consideration for FAA WORLD must be black and white with a glossy finish.

Think black and white photos when you are scheduling meetings and attending conferences.

Think black & white when employees are performing day-to-day job functions.

Think black & white when holding and participating in open houses, dedications, aviation community involvement.

And...of course...think black and white photos when it's employee award and recognition time.

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For further information, please contact INTERCOM Editor, AWP-5, x6431.

RAA BACKS FAA PLAN

FAA's 20-year National Airspace System Plan for the modernization and expansion of the air traffic control system, air navigation facilities and aviation weather services has been endorsed by the Regional Airline Association. RAA Chairman Kingsley G. Morse said, "The FAA plan appears to be the most systematic and thorough approach taken to upgrade the air traffic control system since the introduction of the current-generation system more than 20 years ago." He added that the plan "merits a prompt and rigorous assessment by Congress and the aviation community to assure that it fully meets the needs of the air traveling public."