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TO ALL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

The 1982 U. S. Savings Bonds Drive will be conducted throughout the Department during the month of May. I urge all of you to seriously consider participating in this very important program.

Today's Series EE bonds are as safe and dependable as ever and will be replaced, free of charge, if they are lost, stolen or destroyed. In addition, you pay no state or local income tax on the interest earned on savings bonds, and Federal income tax can be deferred until the bonds are cashed or reach final maturity. You may purchase them through regular deductions from your pay in allotments as small as \$3.75.

In an effort to make savings bonds even more attractive, the Treasury Department has announced its plans to seek legislation that would allow a "market-based" variable interest rate to be paid on savings bonds. If the necessary legislation is enacted as now proposed, a new rate will be established for savings bonds held five years or more. That rate would be 85 percent of the average return on outstanding Treasury marketable securities that mature in five years. The interest rate on savings bonds would float as market rates fluctuate, thus providing a fair return at all times. In addition, savings would be protected from drastic declines in market rates by a guaranteed minimum return.

The implementation of these proposed changes, coupled with the tax advantages and safety features long associated with savings bonds, will make them an excellent way to help send your children to college, supplement your retirement income, and save for many other necessities and luxuries.

You will be contacted soon by one of your fellow employees who can answer your questions and advise you of the status of the interest rate legislation. If you are not already participating, please join the Payroll Savings Plan. If you are presently purchasing bonds, please consider increasing your allotment. Thank you for your support and for your fine sense of civic responsibility.

Drew Lewis

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COVER STORY

Early this year, several high ranking officers from the military services of the Republic of Korea visited U.S. Military services on the U.S. Territory of Guam. During their tours of facilities on Anderson Air Force Base, they visited the FAA's Guam CERAP (Combined Center/RAPCON) for briefings on Air Traffic Control in the Guam Control Sector.

The group was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Stanley Beck, Commander, 3rd Air Division, SAC, Andersen AFB.

Cover photo: Willis Cannon (left), CERAP Air Traffic Chief, explains equipment to (from left) General Chung, Commanding General, 3rd Republic of Korea Army; Colonel Kim, ROKAF; and Lt. General Kim, ROKAF. In the foreground is Team Supervisor Bob Woodruff at the combined arrival/departure radar position.



Above photo:

General Chung (second from left) presents Will Cannon, CERAP Air Traffic Chief, with a memento of their tour. They are flanked by Lt. General Kim (left) and Colonel Kim.

FLSA BACKPAY FOR ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS

The Comptroller General (CG) in Decision B-200112, dated December 21, 1981, ruled that FAA may pay FLSA Overtime to GS-12 Electronics Maintenance Technicians retroactive to May 1, 1974. Payment is subject to the 6-year statute of limitations for each individual claim, e.g. retroactive to six years from the date the claim is received in the General Accounting Office. The status of eligible GS-12 Electronics Technicians was changed to nonexempt on August 24, 1980, and they have been receiving overtime pay under FLSA since that date. The Region has received approximately 350 backpay claims which were submitted to the General Accounting

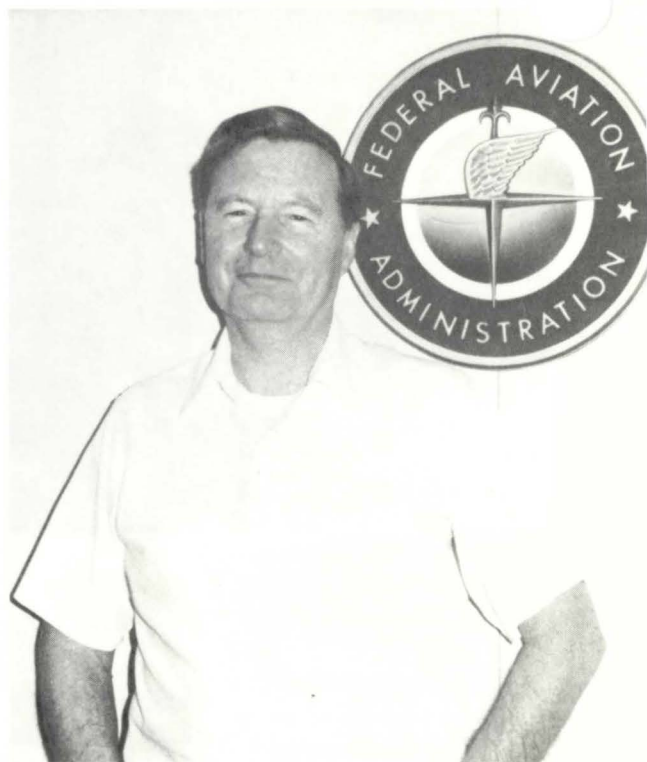
Office (GAO) and validated for processing. Employment of the claimants has now been verified by the Compensation Branch, AWP-15, and the claims forwarded to the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Accounting Division, AAC-20 for payment. Employees who have not filed a claim and believe they are entitled to retroactive pay should do so by writing to:

General Accounting Office
Claims Services Section
Washington, D.C. 20548

Processing of these claims is an added workload to the Payroll Branch; therefore, a reasonable amount of time should be allowed for payment.

BOB THOMPSON RETIRES

Robert D. Thompson, who is the last of the original breed of engineering draftsmen, has retired from the agency and the Airway Facilities Division with 30 years of service. Bob joined the CAA/FAA in 1954, working with 15 fellow draftsmen managed by Elemo Hartwell--later doing supervisory drafting in the electro-mech. staff under Robert Blattner. Bob then joined 22 draftsmen who were regrouped to form the five area offices, and was assigned to the LAX area office, returning to the Regional Office to fill the vacated supervisory position after the death of Warren Singletery. He supervised the transfer of drafting functions to our new FAA Regional Office in Hawthorne until the cutback of operation positions returned Bob to an engineering drafting position under Charles Dickow. Bob has extended an invitation to his co-workers and friends to visit him in his new home in Escondido, Calif. (1655 Citrus Hills Lane, Escondido, CA 92027, phone 714/480-1271.) Bob says, "Bring your work clothes!"



MEET GARY FISHER NEW CHIEF OF HILO TOWER

Gary Fisher recently transferred from the Air Traffic Operations Branch to become chief of Hilo Tower. Gary began his FAA career in 1960 at Tucson Tower/RAPCON. He served as a controller at Tucson, Ariz.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Lincoln, Neb.; and Houston, Texas. He moved on to become Team Supervisor at Brown Tower in San Diego, Chief of Merced Tower and Deputy Chief of Edwards RAPCON before coming to the Regional Headquarters as an Airspace and Procedures Specialist in the Air Traffic Division.



WORLD COVERS ALL BASES

The latest issue of FAA World has something for everyone. There's an interview with the president of the Flight Safety Foundation, who talks about the study his organization did of the air traffic control system and what it found out about employee-management relations in the process. Also featured are engineers in the Southwest Region who have the job of developing certification standards for a new hybrid airplane-helicopter. Two articles focus on the work of Airway Facilities technicians in tracking down spurious radio signals and reducing energy consumption at field facilities. And readers will learn how field controllers are participating in the design of the new sector suites for the future system. Also look for the regular features such as "People" and "Research Highlights."

NEW DIRECTION FINDERS SET FOR ALASKA

The second in a planned statewide network of 24 new very high frequency direction finders (DF) has been installed at Unalakleet, Alaska, with another scheduled to be commissioned at Sitka later this spring. The new equipment at Unalakleet is remotely controlled from the Nome Flight Service Station. It's used in conjunction with DF equipment already at Nome to obtain cross bearings on disoriented pilots flying in the Unalakleet area and over Norton Sound. The first of new DFs' was installed at Kodiak in January, and all 24 are expected to be in place over the next three years at a cost of about \$3 million. The 24 new DFs will augment the 15 already in operation, providing directional guidance over most major VFR flyways in Alaska.

ATCS'S TRAIN IN COLLEGES

The agency has signed agreements with two Pennsylvania colleges to help train future air traffic controllers. The schools are the Community College of Beaver County in Monaca and Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh. Under the agreement, students will receive an A.A. degree in Air Traffic Control at the two-year community college and then move on to Robert Morris to pursue a B.A. in Business Administration - Aviation Management. In addition, they will spend a total of 52 weeks, mostly during summer months, in FAA facilities obtaining on-the-job training and experience. The first class of approximately 12 students is expected to graduate in 1985 and will be eligible for a GS-7 rating. The co-op program is the first of its kind and was initiated by the Eastern Region to determine what role the nation's colleges and universities might play in helping the agency train future controllers.

FLIGHT INSPECTION PLANES GET NEW EQUIPMENT

The agency has purchased two new portable flight inspection packages for use in flight inspection aircraft based in Honolulu and Alaska. The latest state-of-the-art equipment will assist flight inspection crews to evaluate the signal characteristic of ground-based navigational facilities when installed later this month. It is expected to be a great improvement over the 20 year-old equipment currently in use. Because the equipment is portable, it can be installed in various types of aircraft for different jobs, such as site evaluations, problem analysis, engineering support, precommissioning and basic flight inspection work. Currently, two flight technicians and two maintenance technicians are being trained in the use and maintenance of the equipment at the Sierra Research Plant in Buffalo, N.Y.



JESSE PEA EARNS QUALITY PERFORMANCE AWARD

Jesse Pea was recently award a much-deserved Quality Within-Grade Increase Award for his exceptional work in numerous special projects as technician-in-depth (TID) at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector.

Left photo: Jesse Pea (left) is congratulated by Sector Manager Wally Ward. In the left foreground is Jesse's supervisor, Joe Metcalfe, Technical Support Officer. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.

HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN BROCHURE CORRECTION

The first sentence at the bottom of page 3 of the 1982 NFFE Health Benefit Plan brochure should read:

"Payment of Health Benefits under the plan will be subject to an additional co-insurance factor of 93.5%."

MONTEREY TOWER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Grass, formerly ATCS at Monterey Tower, retired on April 24, 1982, with over 25 years of Federal service. A farewell dinner will be held in Paul's honor at the Out-rigger restaurant on Cannery Row in May. We all wish you the best of luck, Paul. Come play a round this June 10 at the First Annual Monterey Tower Golf Tournament to be held at the Rancho Canada Golf Course in beautiful Carmel. Contact Monterey Tower for further information 408/375-1211.

PROUD PAPA AT SAN DIEGO

HEATHER GOODSELL, eighth grade daughter of Ken Goodsell, Principal Aviation Safety Inspector at San Diego GADO, won a First Award in the 28th Annual Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair held at the Federal Building in Balboa Park. Heather's project used Densitometry to determine pollution levels in the air in 16 different cities across the country. Densitometry is the process of measuring particles of pollutants (gaseous substances not included) through use of a light meter which converts light to electrical energy which can then be measured. The FAA family is proud of this talented young lady and looks forward to her successful future.

BILL BOYLE RETIRES

William J. "Bill" Boyle, Acting Assistant Chief, Burbank TRACON, has retired after more than 28 years of Government service. Bill and his wife, Gloria, were honored at a retirement dinner held in his honor at Sutters Mill in Mission Hills. Bill's many friends and co-workers wish him a long and happy retirement.

TOM FERGUSON RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Tom Ferguson, Assistant Project Engineer (civil) in the Airway Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch, is retiring on June 14 after 31 years of Federal service. A luncheon will be held in Tom's honor on Monday, June 14, at the House of Raymond, Hawthorne, Calif. Cost is \$5.95 per person. For information and reservations, please contact Alan Hanson, FTS 966-6662, COM 213/536-6662, by June 9.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO.

In the Western-Pacific Region, due to daylight saving time, which was effective April 25, 1982, and until it ends October 24, 1982, there is no time differential between California, Nevada, and Arizona, and the time differential between these states and Hawaii is increased to three hours.

RETIREE DEATH

We are saddened to report that Robert W. Ferris, former chief of Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center, passed away recently. After his retirement, Bob resided in Scottsdale, Ariz. Our sincere condolences to Bob's family.

ORANGE COUNTY TOWER TALK

Congratulations are in order to several team members, both old and new. John Vollmer will begin a well deserved retirement on May 2, 1982. Jack Evans received a well deserved Special Achievement Award. Mark Washam, Jim McCann and Mike Sacco, the latter two our Army Troops, have all earned full facility certification. We welcome Susan Stewart, a Department of Defense transfer from Los Alamitos. Our new tower is under construction and scheduled for commissioning in December 1982.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

- Because FAA employees have substantially cut down the usage of long-distance on the Federal Telecommunications system (FTS), the agency's 1982 cost for FTS long-distance service has been reduced by \$209,300. Robert L. Fairman, DOT Assistant Secretary for Administration, congratulated FAA employees for the excellent record and emphasized that their continued personal support will enable the department to continue and even increase savings in the future.
- The Alaska Game Board has dropped a controversial rule requiring aircraft used for hunting purposes to display 12-inch registration markings because of new FAA regulations mandating a return to the 12-inch numbers for most aircraft nationwide. The FAA rule permits aircraft owners to wait until the next repainting before going back to the larger numbers. The Alaskan rule was adopted some two years ago to help spot aircraft engaged in illegal hunting practices and almost immediately became the target of a series of law suits that reached the state Supreme Court.

WHITTINGTON, MASSPORT CITED FOR NOISE ABATEMENT WORK

The Massachusetts Port Authority, or Massport, has been given an FAA Aviation Environment Award for its noise abatement program at Boston's Logan Airport. And New England Region Director Robert Whittington has been granted the agency's Award for Superior Achievement for his part in helping Massport develop the program. The Massport award was the first such presentation since one was given to Seattle in 1980. The Massport plan involves over-the-water departures, a preferential runway-use system and continuing work with impacted communities.

CIVILAIR OFFERS ENCYCLOPEDIA

Civilair will participate again this year in the Encyclopedia Britannica program. This program offers members substantial group savings on the New Britannica 3. Flyers describing the program will be distributed during May. If you do not receive a flyer and would like to get one, please contact the Civilair Desk, P.O. Box 92007, WPC, Los Angeles, CA 9009, phone 213/644-8525.

BURBANK TOWER/TRACON NEWS

The Burbank Tower/TRACON Marathon Relay Team participated in the Jimmy Stewart Marathon Relay at Griffith Park in March, finishing in the near world class time of 3:34. The team consisted of Captain Bill Kruschke, Lou Borland, Barney Harville, Burt Bowman, Brian Moore and Lou Mitchell. Captain Kruschke is now running 50 miles a week preparing for a marathon this summer. The problem is at the end of the week he is in Bakersfield.