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COVER STORY...

On November 21, 1783, the first manned flight in the history of mankind took place when Etienne de Montgolfier's hot air balloon carrying two passengers soared aloft at LaMurette, France. The balloon sailed over Paris for 25 minutes and traveled five and one-half miles.

Early this year, President Reagan issued a proclamation stating, in part:

"This epochal flight fulfilled mankind's desire, as old as the myth of Icarus, to become airborne. But it was also something more than the fulfillment of a dream. Montgolfier's achievement was a concrete demonstration of the power of technological know-how when coupled with the yearnings of the human spirit. For the first time, man had freed not only his imagination but his physical self from the forces of gravity. With every advance, our imagination and knowledge have leaped forward—from Montgolfier to the Wright brothers through the moon walks and the space shuttle.

"In the 200 years since that first flight, man's quest to understand the unknown has resulted in our ability to fly higher, faster, safer and farther. We race the sun as we move from continent to continent in a matter of hours. We have vastly multiplied commerce and communication among far-flung peoples. We have flown 250 thousand miles to explore the surface of the moon, and, with this unprecedented triumph of spirit and technology, changed forever our view of the Earth. She is a delicate blue jewel in the darkness of space.

"In recognition of 200 years of progress around the globe in manned flight, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 270, has designated the year 1983 as the Bicentennial of Air and Space Flight. I am proud to have been named Honorary Chairman of the United States Organizing Committee, which will plan our participation in activities at home and abroad to commemorate the Bicentennial. I view the celebration as an opportunity to increase public awareness of our Nation's achievements in aviation and space flight and to rededicate ourselves to the spirit of excellence which has brought us so far so fast.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the year beginning January 1, 1983, as the Bicentennial of Air and Space Flight. I call upon all government agencies and the American people to observe this year with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Cover: This is the official Air and Space Bicentennial symbol which was taken into space and televised by astronauts on the Columbia space shuttle mission last November. It is now a part of the space collection of the National Air and Space Museum. While the Columbia was in orbit, Commander Vance Brand held up the Bicentennial logo for television cameras and told viewers throughout the world about the Bicentennial, its objectives and what was going to happen in the way of Bicentennial events in 1983.



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FOCUS ON BICENTENNIAL IN U.S. WILL EXTEND INTO 1984

Did you think the Bicentennial would end at the end of the year? Not so. The reason being that the first American to ascend in a hot air balloon was a teenager in 1784; therefore, our celebrations will continue until the summer of 1984.

In the United States, the Bicentennial activities will focus attention on the importance of aviation and aerospace to the nation's economy, international trade and defense. It will also spotlight the need for intensified aeronautical research and development and better education in the aeronautical sciences. Special events in the U.S. will consist of more than 50 annual aviation and aerospace meetings which the United States Organizing Committee (USOC) will endorse as official events, and those designed by the USOC and others as special Bicentennial events. Examples of the former in this region will be the National Air Races at Reno, Nevada, which this year will become international for the first time since World War II, with official entries from several foreign countries in the unlimited, 1940s and 50s propeller, class.



Sara Richtman, Supervisor, Space Acquisition & Management Section, Logistics Division (recently retired) is the proud recipient of a 35-year pin. Presentation was made by Regional Director Mac McClure.

EMPLOYEE DEATH

Friends of Dean Schreiber, Central Computer Complex Unit Manager at the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center, were saddened by his death on April 2. Dean, a Supervisory Electronic Engineer, had been employed by the FAA for 13 years. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Elaine Schreiber, 4121 St. Andrews Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821.

BARBARA SCHWITTERS HONORED

Barbara Schwitters, Administrative Assistant, Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector, recently had her name added to the Rio Salado Community College President's Honor Roll, and was invited to join their chapter of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa. This honor is in recognition of her achievement in academic excellence while attending night courses at the college.

VIEW FROM THE N.Y. TRACON

"Having been an FAAer for a grand total of 19 months, I've come to a few conclusions about this job. Believe it or not, most of them are good, in spite of the complaints one hears.

"Of course, there will always be valid complaints about this or any other profession, mainly because no two people will ever agree on the definition of perfection.

"However, if the system were considered perfect, there would never be any improvements on the equipment, the rules and regulations, the pay, the work hours and all that.

"But, in fact, there are a lot of pluses--the biggest and most obvious is, of course, the pay. I can think of a lot of other jobs that don't compare with the pay we receive. I may not become a

millionaire, but life sure can be comfortable on a controllers salary.

"How about the working hours? OK, so they're strange and very irregular, but there are advantages. Having Sat/Sun fall on Tues/Wed gives a person the opportunity to do things without having to fight the rest of the world. Try going to Jones Beach on Saturday or Sunday during the summer.

"For the most part, the job doesn't entail a lot of off-duty work. No reports to write or deadlines to meet. You can't pack ten aircraft in your brief case and finish the job at home. Stress you say? If you are the type to take it home with you, you will do so no matter what job you may have. Every job has stress.

"All in all, I wouldn't trade my controller's job for any other job in the world." Al Elijah

HELP US CELEBRATE 200th Anniversary of Manned Flight



ALL EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT THE BICENTENNIAL

Many activities are being planned throughout the region through the summer of 1984. Facility managers are encouraged to hold open houses and participate in the many community and airport affairs which are being scheduled. Airport Days, fairs, air shows, parades, etc., present a perfect opportunity for FAAers to lend support to the Bicentennial and have an opportunity to further the aviation education of the community. Remember -- we want to give your participation publicity in INTERCOM. Send AWP-5 your articles and black and white photos and we'll do our best to see they get published. Questions??? Call Barbara Abels, 536-6431.

BICENTENNIAL POSTERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FACILITY OPEN HOUSES

We have just received a limited supply of 16 x 20-inch cardboard posters which would be perfect to enhance your Bicentennial celebration. These posters are silver, with the Air and Space Bicentennial Logo in color. At the bottom of the poster are President Ronald Reagan's words, "Nothing displays the great deeds of which man is capable better than the history of flight." There are very few of these posters available, but if you are planning an open house activity, call the Public Affairs Officer, 536-6431 and make arrangements to have one of these posters made available to you. We also hope to have handout material available in the near future.

AIRWAY SCIENCE CURRICULUM

COMMENTS SOUGHT

Have something to say about the plan for a five-year demonstration of the Airways Science Curriculum Program? Then the Office of Personnel Management wants to hear it before giving the innovative program its final stamp of approval.

The purpose of the demonstration project, as previously reported in Intercom, is to determine whether new employees who have completed an FAA-approved course of studies will be better prepared for certain occupations. The project already has received a tentative ok from OPM.

The final OPM approval process includes an opportunity for all interested parties to submit both oral and written comments.

To learn more about the program and the procedures for submitting comments and/or participating in the April 22 public meeting, check the March 18 Federal Register. It has all the details. Servicing personnel management divisions have copies of the plan available for review. Western-Pacific Region employees who would like to review the Federal Register Notice should contact the Training Branch, AWP-17.



RIVERSIDE AF SECTOR NEWS

The Palm Springs AF Field Office recently recognized the performance of two of its employees by presenting WALTER SEDLIK with a Quality Increase, and DONALD EATON with a Special Achievement Award. Additionally, the Palm Springs Air Traffic Control TRACAB Manager presented Letters of Commendation to two AF technicians: DEWEY NARDINI and DONALD EATON. Letters of Appreciation were received by TOM LOONEY from AWP-460 for his work in the fabrication and installation of the reconfigured tube type ILS Auto Reset Dual Timing Circuitry; by JOHN CARLSON from AWP-500 for his participation on the Area Control Facilities (ACF) team; and by GARY LEMONS from his Ontario Local Unit Supervisor for his effectiveness at the Ontario FSS. Gary also was promoted recently. Two of our members reached milestones in the years of federal service--15 years for BOB GEORGE and 30 years for VIC SIMMONS. Congratulations to all of these folks.....Our sympathy to George Wierschem, whose mother passed away, and also to Jean Raulet whose father passed away.....Greg Krasieski had a bad car accident in Las Vegas and all hope that he gets well soon.....Welcome aboard to Florance Placencia, who is working temporarily as an Administrative Services Clerk at Riverside AFS.... Howard Elder, Ontario TRACON Systems Performance Specialist is our Technical Officer's Representative for the ARTS-IIIA installation which is almost completed.

OOPS...INTERCOM CORRECTION

Due to a printing mix-up of the photograph in INTERCOM 83-13, dated Apr. 4, 1983, the San Francisco ACDO News item on page 5 stated Lloyd Tincher was on the right with Ron Hanna (left). In the photograph printed, Lloyd Tincher is on the left with Ron Hanna on the right.

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CFC Awards

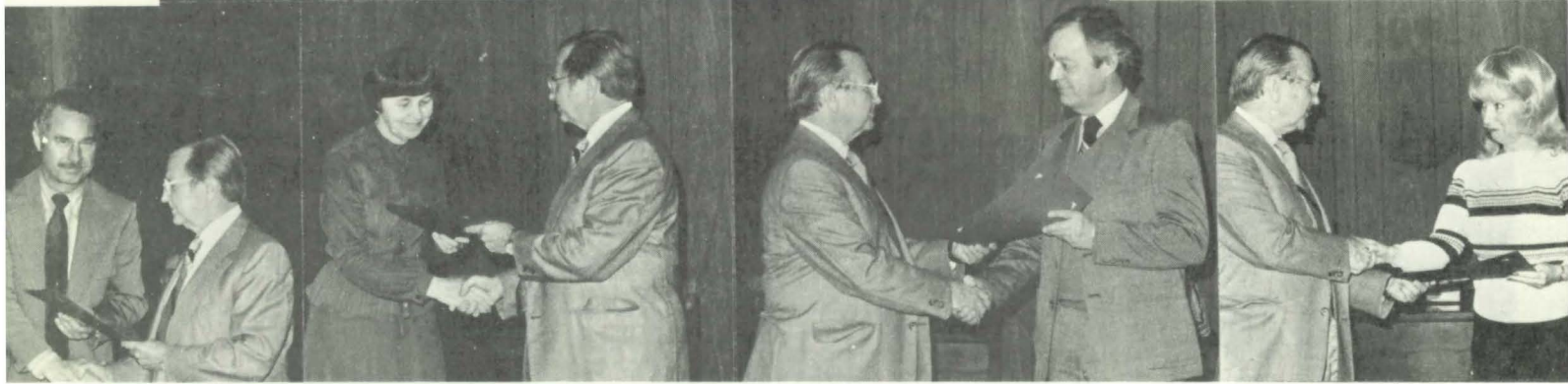


Receiving certificates of appreciation from Joe Budro, Chairman of the recently held Los Angeles County Combined Federal Campaign are the Keypersons who contributed so much to the success of the campaign. The campaign surpassed its goal of \$63,276.50 by \$6,499.75.

Top--Richard Devereaux, Deputy Director, Western-Pacific Region, accepting the award for the region, and Sherian Smith, Accounting Division.

Middle--Evelyn Mosquero, Management Systems Division; Chuck Miller, Flight Standards Division; and Pauline Gieger, Personnel Management Division.

Bottom--Joan Sunshine, Logistics Division, and Beulah Crawford, Western Aircraft Certification Field Office (RO).



More CFC Awards

Above: Jerry Dallas, Airports Division, and Larry Suppan, Air Traffic Division.

Below: Jay Adsen, Civil Aviation Security Division; Nancy Risner, Budget Division; Gene Lawing, Air Traffic Division; and Shirley Thompson, Airway Facilities Division.

Not available for a picture were: Alice Vaccio, Director's Staff, and Tammy Rice, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (Long Beach).

FLIGHT STANDARDS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following who recently received awards:

Outstanding with Special Achievement Award:

- Mildred Freeman, Reno GADO
- Robert Palmer, San Francisco ACDO
- John Carney, San Diego ACDO
- Betty Hampton, Los Angeles FSDO
- Roy Thompson, San Diego ACDO
- Evelyn LaBar, Las Vegas FSDO
- Rosalind Ralston, Los Angeles FSDO
- Janet Dejung, Los Angeles FSDO

Outstanding with Quality Increase Award:

- Patricia Twist, Long Beach FSDO
- Thomas Penland, Honolulu FSDO
- Carole McClure, Long Beach FSDO
- Richard Nielson, Sacramento GADO
- Ralph Anderson, Sacramento GADO
- Jean Pierson, AWP-203

- Bruce Roberts, San Francisco ACDO
- Michele Lansford, Long Beach FSDO
- Allen Haeggquist, Phoenix ACDO
- Arlene Rosenthal, San Diego GADO
- Jimmy Shamp, Fresno GADO
- Oscar Feaster, Oakland FSDO
- Ralph Peterson, Oakland FSDO
- Paul Flood, Oakland FSDO
- Paulus Van Emmerik, Oakland FSDO

Quality Increase Award:

- Carroll Tamplin, Sacramento GADO
- Marion Tilton, Honolulu FSDO
- Robert Hamblin, Honolulu FSDO

Career Service Emblems:

30 years:

- Virginia Caminer, AWP-200
- Donald Van Handel, AWP-205
- Mildred Freeman, Reno GADO

25 years:

- Joseph Rotelli, AWP-205
- Guy Wagatsuma, Honolulu FSDO

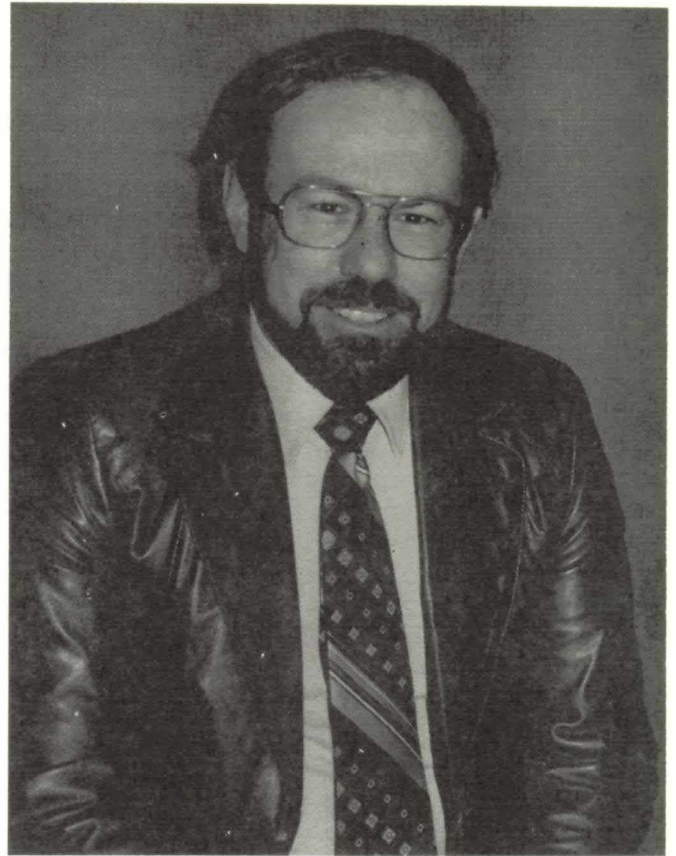
CAPSULE GLIMPSES. . .

MEET RON MORGAN - SANTA MONICA TOWER MANAGER

Ron Morgan's FAA career started on January 5, 1970 at Los Angeles Center. After a combination of full performance level, staff specialist and supervisory time at Los Angeles Center, Santa Monica and Burbank, Ron has now been assigned the helm at Santa Monica Tower as Air Traffic Manager.

Ron's interest in aviation started when he was 15. After saving his pennies (dollars these days) he went to Hawthorne Airport and began taking flying lessons. Three years later, and many flying hours under his belt, Ron could be found at the Burbank Airport providing flight instruction. During his spare time, when flying students were scarce, he completed an A.A. degree at Glendale College and also attended Cal State Long Beach.

A couple evenings a week during the school year, Ron can be found instructing at Glendale Community College in the Aviation Department. Ron lives in Northridge with his wife and two children. His hobbies include travel and a very time-consuming position as the resident duffer at the local golf course..."FORE"!



FAA TO RETAIN 20 ARTCCs As ATC SYSTEM NUCLEUS

FAA's updated National Airspace System Plan calls for the agency to retain all 20 air route traffic control centers in the conterminous United States as the nucleus of the future ATC system. The centers will be redesignated as Area Control Facilities and given the additional responsibility of providing terminal radar control services for virtually the entire country.

As outlined by the Administrator in recent Congressional testimony, the revised NAS Plan drops the earlier approach of reducing the number of domestic centers from 20 to 16 and consolidating

the 188 terminal radar control rooms into some 30 regional or hub TRACONS. The new concept is for the Area Control Facilities, augmented as necessary, to provide all radar services with individual airport towers continuing to direct actual take offs and landings. The total number of Area Control Facilities would be about 23.

Evolution of the Area Control Facility concept will depend upon the availability of the new sector suites and occur "during the 1900s," according to the Administrator's testimony. However, construction activity to expand the centers to accommodate their new responsibilities will get under way in 1985.

NATIONAL CONSUMERS' WEEK, 1983

On January 20, 1983 President Reagan signed a Proclamation establishing the week of April 24-30, 1983 as National Consumers' Week. This major White House initiative was coordinated by the U. S. Office of Consumer Affairs with Virginia H. Knauer, Special Assistant to the President.

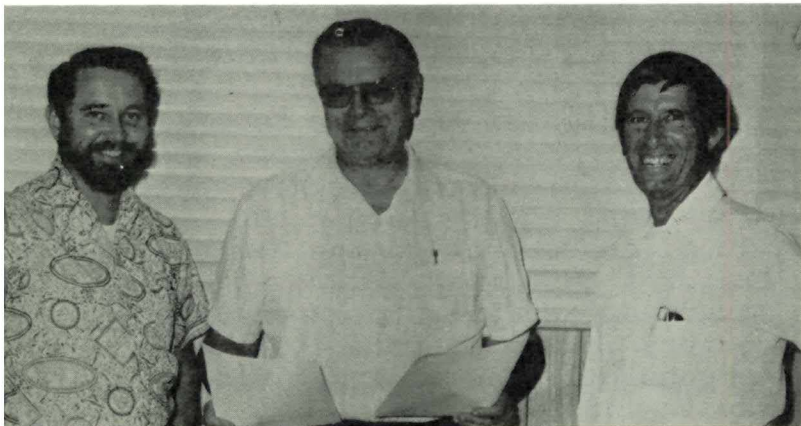
This period offers an opportunity to recognize and highlight outstanding consumer policies and programs and further the scope of federal agency participation in communications information about consumer services and the Government's commitment to consumer affairs.

On April 26, 1983, from 8:00 to 4:30, there will be a Federal Exhibit in the lobby of the Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles Street, downtown Los Angeles. Monitored by representatives from the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, agencies who do not have the staff to man a booth are offered the opportunity to present pamphlets, brochures or any other literature for the consumer.

For further information please call Lorraine Lawrence of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, area 213/688-7272, Irene Caro of the Food and Drug Administration, area 213/688-4395 or Ann Guler of the Federal Trade Administration, area 213/209-7575.

SAN FRANCISCO AF SECTOR NEWS

San Francisco Airway Facilities Sector is expanding in spite of the hiring freeze. Recent additions to our sector are a baby daughter, Christine, for Robert Dunlap, Electronic Technician at Mill Valley ARSR; a son, Ronald Allshouse, Jr., born to Ronald Allshouse, Environmental Support Technician at San Francisco; and a granddaughter, Tiffany Lynn, the new pride and joy of Grandpa Ken Claar, Manager.....Also, our warmest wishes to Janet Fallin, Electronic Technician at Salinas, on her recent marriage to Lester Neely, also an FAA'er.....Paul Lee, Jr., Technician-in-Depth (NAV/COMM) recently received a Quality Increase Award.....One sad note is that we will be losing Lettie Howland, General Supply Specialist, but the Regional Office will be delighted when Lettie arrives there for her new position in the Real Estate & Utilities Branch.....Letters of Appreciation were sent to all employees involved in the difficult and lengthy restoration of the CAT III ILS system at San Francisco International Airport: to San Francisco NAV/COMM Field Office, the Environmental Support Unit and the folks at San Francisco Air Traffic Control.....Wishes for a speedy recovery to Harvey Swanger, Electronic Technician at Monterey Field Office who is recuperating from his second major surgery in four months.

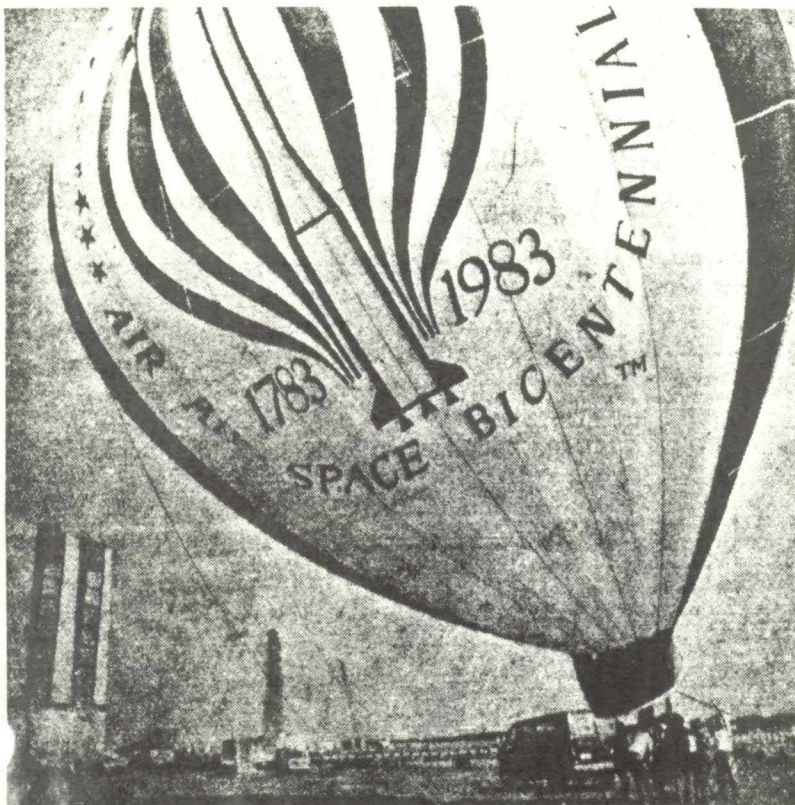


LETTERS OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED

Las Vegas Airway Facilities Sector Manager Jim Webb, recently endorsed and presented Letters of Appreciation to Thomas Smith and Gene Boren, Pioche, Nevada. The letters were from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Las Vegas Flight Standards District Office Manager for providing assistance during a recent accident investigation.

42 YEARS FOR JOHN DAY

John Day, Principal Maintenance Inspector at Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office, celebrated 42 years of federal service on March 16, 1983. John attended Von Hoffman Aircraft College in St. Louis, Missouri from December 1928 to May 1929. His industry experience includes: Flying School and Repair Station (Curtiss Wright Factory), St. Louis, Mo. from May 1929 to May 1933, in the final assembly of the Robbins and Condors aircraft; Eastern Airlines, Atlanta, Ga. from 1933 to 1934; and American Airlines (St. Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati plants) from 1934 through 1941, at which time he resigned to accept a position with the CAA. John's service with the CAA/FAA includes: assignments as Maintenance Inspector with the Burbank GADO from 1947 through 1959; Anchorage, Alaska from 1959 through June 1961; and Los Angeles ACDO since 1962. John is currently assigned as Principal Maintenance Inspector to the Continental Airlines and Pacific East Air certificates. He holds a Mechanic Certificate with airframe and powerplant ratings, a commercial pilot certificate, parachute rigger and ground instructor certificates. He has provided a wealth of aviation experience to this agency and we hope to have him around for a lot more years.



BICENTENNIAL BALLOON

A giant hot air balloon, commemorating 200 years of progress in manned flight since two men went aloft in a hot air balloon in France in 1783, was raised April 1 at the Kennedy Space Center as the countdown for the space shuttle Challenger continued. The balloon was not launched because of winds.

-AP Laserphoto



PAUL YANTCHOOK
PRESENTED AWARD

Paul Yantchook (left), Operations Specialist, Airway Facilities Division, Maintenance Operations Branch, was recently presented a Quality Increase Award with an Outstanding Rating by Hank Harris, Supervisor, Maintenance Operations Branch, Operations Section. Paul has performed admirably throughout both his assignments in the Maintenance Operations Branch.....first as a Technical Programs Specialist and currently as an Operations Specialist. His award, based on exceeding all aspects of his job, was well deserved. Congratulations!

ADMINISTRATOR SPEAKS TO FAR-FLUNG AUDIENCE

Speaking over the agency's largest telephone hookup to date, the Administrator on April 4 reported on the progress of the agency's human relations program.

FAAers in more than 300 facilities as far west as Guam and as far north as Alaska heard the Administrator note the recent endorsement of the program by the Jones Committee and warn against complacency. "Let's not let this first year lead us into some feeling of euphoria," he said. "I'd go the other way; we're perhaps ten percent of the way, at best.

"The important thing that the committee recognized is that the top management of FAA is committed, that we are absolutely firm in institutionalizing this effort that will last long after Mr. Fenello and I are gone," he added.

The Administrator also noted that there are already "over 800 separate [forums] throughout the FAA where the employees meet to discuss problems and become involved actively." However, he emphasized that the biggest changes still lie ahead and that our operating record will be our best indicator of success.

T. D. SPENCER RETIRES

Eldon S. Gubler (right), Manager of the Scottsdale GADO, presents T. D. Spencer with a Certificate of Service at a retirement dinner held in T. D.'s honor. The event, held at the Hungry Tiger restaurant in Scottsdale, was attended by more than 70 people who gave Spence and his wife Helen many best wishes for a retirement well earned. The theme for the dinner was "Rag and Bailing Wire Days." The dinner was arranged by the Scottsdale office clerical staff and others. Photo by Chris Kandziora.

