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Latin Dignataries Visit Region

Cover Story

Fourteen Latin American Director Generals of Civil Aviation accepted FAA Administrator Engen's invitation to participate in a recent "Partnership in Air Safety Seminar" (PASS). In collaboration with the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), a comprehensive program and itinerary commenced at the Washington, D.C., Headquarters Offices of both agencies and continued with visits to several regions, aircraft manufacturing plants, and FAA facilities across the continental United States, including the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (see cover photo).

Prior to their arrival at the Western-Pacific Region, key international representatives of FAA/Washington and Southern Region, accompanied by three USIA interpreters, escorted the Latin delegates cross country. FAA's Southern Regional Office at Atlanta, Georgia, and the International Field Office (IFO) at Miami, Florida, have responsibility for international civil aviation activities in the Caribbean, Central America and South America comparable to Western-Pacific Region's international civil aviation jurisdiction in the Asia-Pacific arena.

The delegates and accompanying entourage were welcomed to Western-Pacific Region by Arlene Feldman, Deputy Director; Ock-Ju Noh, Manager, Planning & International Aviation Staff; the Director's Management Team; and members of the AWP-4 International Staff.

The video, "This is the Western-Pacific Region," translated into Spanish, was viewed by the visitors. After a visit to the McDonnell-Douglas Plant at Long Beach, an evening reception at the Airport Hyatt Penthouse afforded an excellent opportunity for the guests to mingle with other government and industry representatives of the local civil aviation community. The Western-Pacific Region's portion of the seminar also included tours of FAA's Air Traffic facilities at San Francisco and Oakland.

In addition to the assistance and cooperation provided by FAA/USIA, the pooled efforts of several co-hosts--including the Foreign Trade Association, the International Visitors Council and

the McDonnell-Douglas Company and the AWP-4 Staff--another international Partnership in Air Safety Seminar was orchestrated into a smooth and successful finale. The guests expressed their appreciation and were especially pleased with the thorough overview of the resources and technology available in the U.S. for training and technical assistance.

Cover photo: Gathering in Oklahoma City are -- Front Row (left to right) -- Col. Fernando Castillo (COCESNA), Col. Benjamin Trabanino (El Salvador), Capt. Rene Debroy (Guatemala), Manuel E. Garcia (Costa Rica). Second Row (left to right) -- Col. Lusi D. Castro (Dominican Republic), Col. Cesar A. Borucki (Uruguay), Capt. Jose L. Segovia (Honduras), Col. Daen H. Caballero (Bolivia). Third Row (left to right) -- Dr. Yezid Castano (Columbia), Mr. Bill Jeffers (FAA), Raymond Ybarra (FAA), Col. Adyr Da Silva (Brazil). Fourth Row (left to right) -- Mr. Rene Cardona (FAA), Ms. Veronica Buarzelatto (USIA), Mr. Leonardo A. Ronderos (Columbia), Mr. Oscar Herrera (Mexico). Fifth Row (left to right) -- Mr. Robert Baddy (FAA), Mr. Tommy Martin (FAA), Mrs. Eida De Gennaro (USIA). Sixth Row (left to right) -- Mr. Fernando Molinar (Mexico), Mr. William Baserva (USIA), Mr. Thomas Messier (FAA), Mr. Jim Henderson (FAA). Top Row (left to right) -- Mr. James Richardson (FAA), Mr. Morris Friloux (FAA), Mr. Al Mitchell (FAA).

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Latin Delegates Welcomed To The Region

Top: Deputy Director Arlene Feldman (center) welcomes Col. Fernando Castillo (left) and other delegates, as Thomas Messier, AIA-1, listens
Below: Delegates participate in a question and answer session.



FAA's CBI Program Praised

FAA has been singled out by the General Accounting Office for use of computer-based instruction (CBI) and other innovative practices in meeting its heavy training demands.

In a June report entitled "Human Resource Management - Status of Agency Practices for Improving Federal Productivity," GAO noted that FAA already has avoided \$10 million in training costs through CBI use. It said an additional saving of \$14 million is expected between 1988 and 1993 when the use of CBI for training controllers is expanded.

In addition to the cost benefits, the report noted that CBI reduces the time both instructors and students must spend in the classroom. It also greatly increases flexibility in meeting training requirements.

FAA To Tighten TCA Requirements

FAA has proposed new regulations that would eliminate the different terminal control area (TCA) classifications and require all aircraft flying within 30 miles of a designated TCA airport to carry an operating transponder with automatic altitude reporting capability.

The proposals would further enhance flight safety around major U.S. airports through increased standardization of equipment and procedures. For example, they would require pilots operating into and out of small airports located underneath the TCA floors to carry altitude-reporting transponders.

The FAA already requires "Mode C," or altitude reporting transponders for operations in the nine Group I TCAs and recently adopted a regulation that also mandates this equipment in the 14 Group II TCAs, effective December 1, 1987.

FLRA Certifies NATCA

It's official: The National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) was certified June 19 by the Federal Labor Relations Authority as the exclusive representative of all GS-2152 series terminal and center controllers whose primary duty is separation of air traffic.

Pending negotiation of a written agreement between FAA and the union, facility managers will follow the Federal Labor-Management-Relations statute which spells out their rights and responsibilities of managers as well as those of the union representatives. The Office of Labor and Employee Relations has provided technical guidance on the subject to all appropriate managers.

National Power Committee Holds Workshop

FAA's National Power Committee is stepping up its activities as part of the agency's program to reduce facility operational problems with electrical power, lightning protection and similar items.

The two-year old group recently completed its seventh workshop in Kansas City and plans to begin publishing a newsletter in the near future. The committee also helped with the development of a new two-week FAA Academy course dealing with lightning protection, grounding, bonding and shielding that began July 5. Yet another project involves a joint evaluation with Transport Canada of Uninterruptable Power Supplies.

During the past two years, NPC-sponsored teams have visited 60 FAA facilities to identify power-related problems and upgrade installation and maintenance practices. APM-530 (the Powers System Branch) directs NPC activities and newsletter items should be sent to that routing symbol in care of the committee.

Pilot Busts WX Minimums And Pays The Price

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has blamed a ground collision at Tampa Airport last Nov. 6 on a professional pilot who busted weather minimums and landed on a taxiway in thick fog. The pilot was killed when his light aircraft struck a Pan American 727 jet on the same taxiway. Only quick action by the Pan Am pilot in swerving his aircraft prevented what might have been a worse tragedy.

The Board said the deceased pilot "probably was highly motivated to land his airplane at the airport because of his perceived need to report to work on time." He was scheduled to command an Eastern Air Lines flight out of Tampa one hour after the accident.

Visibility at the airport at the time of the accident was 800 feet, well below the 1,800 foot runway visual range requirement. The accident occurred on the pilot's second instrument landing approach. He was the only fatality.

FAA Seeks Applicants For Middle East Jobs

FAA is seeking applicants for aviation safety inspectors (Operations) and (Airworthiness) with the Europe, Africa, and Middle East Office in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The positions will remain open until filled. Return rights go with the jobs in addition to the allowances and benefits associated with these foreign assignments. For further information, contact the Headquarters Employment Branch on 202/267-3888.

737 Is Sales Leader

The Boeing 737 twin-jet is now the best selling jet in aviation history with 1,842 aircraft sold. The previous record holder was the 727 with 1,831 sales. The first 737 went to Lufthansa German Airlines in February 1968.

News In Brief

Flight Saves Up

* FAA air traffic control specialists were involved in 87 flight assists in May that helped to get a total of 121 people back safely on terra firma. That's up 22 percent from the 71 flight assists reported in May 1986. Terminal facilities were responsible 39 "saves," enroute centers 25, and FSSs 23.

New Engine Certified

* The first Airbus Industries A-300, powered by the new PW4000 engine, has been delivered by Pan American and will be used on the New York-to-Miami route. FAA certificated the new Pratt & Whitney engine for use on this plane on June 11.

Air Marshals - Complex Pay Issues

* Federal air marshals, whose assignments involve traveling long hours across many time zones and the international Date Line, often have complex pay problems. To iron out these issues, the Office of Personnel and Technical Training (APT) and the Office of Civil Aviation Security (ACS) held a workshop June 17 and developed a standardized compensation system for these employees.

Chief Counsel Creates New Office

* A new office, the Chief Counsel for Airport Access, has been created within the Office of the Chief Counsel to help the agency achieve goals in the airport access, capacity, and noise areas. Leonard Ceruzzi, former Legal Services Division Manager, has been named to head the new organization.

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Benefit Statements Due

The 1987 Employee Benefits Statement, giving an explanation of each employees individual benefits and their dollar amount, is in the final stage of the production process. The Office of Labor and Employee Relations (ALR) has given approval to the contractor to begin the printing process. Employees can now expect to receive the statements during the first two weeks of July.

As in previous years, employees will have one opportunity to order a replacement statement if they do not receive a copy during the regular distribution by reporting this to their HRM division between July 15 and August 15.

Juneau Staff Moves Into New Tower

The new Juneau, AK, Airport Air Traffic Control Tower opened July 1. It replaces a tower that was built in 1962.

For the past three months Juneau controllers have been working out of a temporary facility located on top of the terminal building. However, in spite of the confusion and inconvenience of leaving the old tower, the Juneau team won the 1986 VFR facility of the year award in the Alaskan Region.

The five tower controllers and facility manager expected finished the move during the first week of July.

Retiree Luncheon Slated

A retiree luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday July 27, at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in El Segundo, Calif. Price is \$9.25, including tip, payable at the luncheon. Please make reservations by July 22.

Contact 'Chic' Kobayashi 213/324-1073, Lynn Hink 213/596-3520, Bob Frehse 213/542-6839 or Fred Potter 213/670-8769. Lets hear from FAA and Credit Union retirees for this informal get-together.

Vibes From Van Nuys

Van Nuys Tower continues to be a beehive of activity. During the first five months of 1987, traffic count has increased six percent. If this trend continues, the facility will once again reach the one-half million mark.

Congratulations to Controllers David Bender and Tony Patrizio, and Area Supervisor Ron Gerber for attaining facility certification. Congratulations also to Tony Velarde who recently completed his course of study at Cal State University at Northridge, where he received his teaching credential.

Welcome aboard to Roosevelt Wright from Torrance Tower and Toni McCartney. Toni was an Air Traffic Assistant at Los Angeles TRACON prior to attending the Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City.

The facility said farewell to Melissa McPherson. An "Aloha" party was held at the home of Cindy Stewart to wish Melissa well on her new assignment at Honolulu Tower.

Cole and Lankford In Winner's Circle

Gene Cole, Manager of the Golden Gate Nav/Com Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, and Terry Lankford, Oakland Flight Service Station Specialist, are in the Hayward/Bakersfield/Las Vegas Air Race trophy circle again this year.

This is an annual proficiency race that is run from these cities. The number of entries is 75; the top 15 make the trophy circle.

Last year, Gene and Terry took first place. This year, they returned to defend their position and took 14th place -- a little shy of first but in the trophy circle nevertheless.

Nice going, Gene and Terry. Go get 'em next year!

San Diego AF Sector People and Awards

Highlighting news in San Diego are awards presentations.

Left: A group award was presented to Beryl Roscom (left), Charles Palmer (second from left) and Douglas Northington (right) for their efforts and assistance to the Palmdale Center on a critical communication coverage problem. The award was presented by Fred Stubbe, Manager San Diego NAV/COMM Airway Facilities Sector Field Office.

Middle: John Svoboda is the recipient of National University's Scholarship Award. Sandra Elwood, Associate Dean for the university presents the award at the San Diego Sector Office.

Right: Jose Valero (left) receives a Special Achievement Award from manager Pete Tarasiewicz.

The Sector welcomes new employees -- Dean Dowell, Karen Raulette, Anders Bocker, Bruce Skinner, Ken Nogawa, Kenneth Davenport and Dennis Hilborn.



Honolulu Tower Happenings

Welcome aboard to the following Air Traffic Control Specialists who reported to the facility recently -- Jeff Ross, O'Hare Tower; Randall Fujita, Maui Tower; Ronald Anderson, Napa Tower; Christopher DuBose, Van Nuys Tower; Kenneth Powell, Monterey Tower; Baron Lee, Honolulu Center and Melissa McPherson, Van Nuys Tower. Welcome also to Air Traffic Assistants Ivan Daikoku and Royal Kainoa.

Farewell to John Cavanagh, Bakersfield Tower; William York, Sacramento TRACON; Elaine Guitard, Mobile Tower and Chip Lollar, Pensacola Tower. A warm aloha farewell to Donald Price, who recently retired. So long to Judy Inokuchi, Ad-

ministrative Assistant, who is now with the Honolulu Flight Service Station, and to Thomas Rea who is now the Assistant Air Traffic Manager at Honolulu Center.

Congratulations on reassignments to William Resto, San Diego TRACON and Donald Kramer, Guam CERAP.

Congratulations to Louis Paresa who received his 25-year service pin; Bill Clark, 35-year service pin; and Richard Reimann, 15-year service pin.

Congratulations to award recipients: Special Achievement Award -- Denis Yap; Quality Within Grade -- Stephen Henley; Letter of Commendation -- Harry Marks; Letters of Appreciation -- Ronald Conroy, Virgil Rewick, Edwin Clayton, John McDonnell and Tony Giustra.

Awards -- Awards -- Awards -- Awards

Long Beach AFSFO

Congratulations to Masashi Miyaoka, Electronics Technician at Long Beach Radar/Communications Airway Facilities Sector Field Office. Masashi earned a Special Achievement Award presented by Manager Harry Kanarr.

Airway Facilities Division

Congratulations to the following folks in the Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, who earned the following awards:

On-the-Spot Award -- Kenneth White, George Larson, Cliff Correa, Edmund Ho, Dave Washino and Woong Kim.

Quality Within Grade -- Thomas Uedoi, Randy Gustin, John Milne, Art Thornton, Tommy Paullus, Chuck Pealer, William Dial, Tony Bruscantini, Pat Hamel and Jimmy Huang.

Special Achievement Award -- Ronald Yogi, Debe Alvarico, Rory Geil, Alan Chew, Ed Matthews, Terry Hoyt, Sonya Hall, Richard Terry, Harry Nii, Siri Hanuman, Pang Ng, Don Lingren, Robert Campbell, Henry Medina, Leroy Early, Nick Vazopolos, Karl Malmstrom and Dan Hedani.

Phoenix Air Traffic Hub

Congratulations to the following Air Traffic folks who have earned awards in the Phoenix Air Traffic Hub:

Special Achievement Award -- George Fagan, Richard Ramsey and Walter Clark Jr., Phoenix TRACON; Timothy Spence and John Bryan, Falcon Tower; and Robert Tronvet, Deer Valley Tower.

Special Service, Special Achievement Award -- Ronald Syens, Jerry Moore, Dennis McConnell and John Medina, Phoenix TRACON.

Quality Increase -- Frederick Arthur, Scottsdale Tower and Robert Anderson, Phoenix TRACON.

Yuma AFSFO

Authur Rodriguez recently received a Special Achievement Award from manager Jack Fidler. Art is an Electronics Technician in the Yuma AFSFO.

Flight Standards Division

Congratulations to Flight Standards Awards recipients:

Special Achievement Award (Special Act) -- James Scardino, San Jose Flight Standards District Office.

Letter of Commendation -- Ann Bachtell, Riverside FSDO.

Letter of Appreciation -- Alfred Adams, Scottsdale FSDO.

Career Service Emblem, 3 Years -- Tina Rabb, AWP-260; Rosemary Lopez, San Jose FSDO and Janet Hatch, Oakland FSDO.

15 Years -- Robert Trout, Las Vegas FSDO and Peter Cuisinier, Scottsdale FSDO.

25 Years -- Janis Miller, Honolulu FSDO and Raymond Evans, Long Beach FSDO.

Fresno FSS

Fresno FSS has been quite busy, working on the 1986 Employee Survey with all personnel given the opportunity to participate. When Boone Emmons, an organizational specialist, visited the facility, he was particularly impressed with the progress and 10 Step Plan covering the Employee Survey. A special thanks to Dave Bomann, a trained facilitator from the Airways Facility Office, for assisting the group.

Congratulations to the following folks who earned incentive awards: Bill Colbert--On-The-Spot-Award and Special Achievement Award; Charles Mitchell and Jim Shingledecker--Quality Within Grade; and Carl Olson--Special Achievement Award.