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## RONALD W. PULLING TO ENTER PRINCETON

Ronald W. Pulling, Manager of the Installation and Materiel Depot at the FAA Aeronautical Center, has been selected by Princeton University to attend the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs this next scholastic year.

Pulling, one of eight mid-career people selected from government agencies, will start his studies in September 1963 and complete the course in June 1964. Princeton University pays the tuition and fees for the 70 persons attending this post-graduate school - the only such professional school at the University. Pulling, who will take his family with him, will live on the campus in faculty housing.

## I & M SERVICE OFFICIALS VISIT DEPOT

I. L. Ledbetter, IM-52, Chief, Policy and Procedures Branch, and Col. E. R. Armagost, IM-52, Defense Readiness Coordinator visited the Center last week and toured the Depot in their official capacities.

## WINNING BID ON RECORDS BUILDING ANNOUNCED

Contract for construction of the new Aviation Records Building at the FAA Aeronautical Center has been awarded to an Oklahoma firm, the Cowen Construction Company. The apparent low bid was \$3,462,560. The contract has not yet been awarded and no definite starting time for the construction set as yet. The new building will be built on the west side of McArthur Boulevard directly opposite the Administration Building.

## STATE SENIORS TOUR AERONAUTICAL CENTER

Probably the biggest tour of the Aeronautical Center came late in March when around 600 high school seniors, on their annual trip to Oklahoma City for Senior Day, received a close look at the Center. The youngsters came from all four corners of the state and visited various sections of the Center.

GEORGE PRILL TO HEAD NEW EUROPE, AFRICAN  
AND MID-EAST (EAME) REGION

Administrator Halaby has announced formation of a new regional organization to cover Europe, Africa, and the Middle East and has appointed George Prill as Assistant Administrator. Prill, former Director of Flight Standards Service is in Europe this week selecting a site for the new headquarters.

George Moore, former Deputy Director of Flight Standards succeeds Prill as Director of Flight Standards. Both appointments are effective April 1, 1963.

As Assistant Administrator of the overseas region, Prill will be responsible for administration of FAA Flight Standards, Air Traffic, and Research and Development personnel in these areas and the important task of providing effective working arrangements with the agencies of other governments, manufacturers and other aeronautical interests.

In addition to his supervisory responsibilities for the FAA flight inspection aircraft and the agency offices in that area, Prill will be the U. S. Civil Aviation Advisor to NATO and U. S. Civil Member of the Committee for European Airspace Coordination (CEAC) of NATO, delegate of the Administrator in relations with United States Embassies, U. S. military commanders, and the Regional Offices of ICAO for Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

MAINTENANCE STRETCH-OUT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Systems Maintenance Service begins a one year program May 1, 1963, to determine any change in operational effectiveness of the VORs of the Federal Airways System under a modified maintenance schedule. The study will be conducted on 247 selected VORs throughout the country. Two separate reduced-maintenance schedules will be used on these enroute facilities. The field test follows an earlier phase of the research project designed to improve manpower utilization through more effective maintenance management. VORs for this study are to be selected by the respective regions.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AIRPORTS HEARINGS

Last week the Administrator and members of his staff convened for a second meeting with representatives of the Transportation and Aeronautics Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to discuss proposals for placing the operations of DIA and WNA under a National Capital Airport Corp. The Administration is opposed to creation of any independent agency to administer the National Capital Airports. Early sub-committee action is anticipated.

## PRESIDENT KENNEDY PRAISES EMPLOYEES

Excerpted from remarks prepared for President Kennedy in his O'Hare International Airport dedication speech, Saturday, March 23, are these accolades for our employees:

"This magnificent facility is more than a tribute to Butch O'Hare. It is a tribute as well to constructive cooperation between Federal, state, local and private effort. It is a tribute to Mayor Richard Daley for keeping these various interests working together until the job was fully done. And it is a tribute to all the anonymous traffic controllers, airmen and others who have made this airport a living reality, and blazed new trails in the operation of parallel approaches and landings.

For this airport is living up to its proud and pioneering name. There is no other airport in the world where planes can make instrument landings on parallel runways simultaneously. There is no other airport in the nation which maintains three instrument landing systems. And there is no other airport in the world which serves so many people and so many planes...

The United States -- which now leads the world in the production and sale of commercial airplanes -- intends to be a leader in the supersonic age as well."

CHICAGO'S O'HARE AIRPORT NOW PROVIDES PAR  
SERVICE ON 3 RUNWAYS

Commissioning the use of the PAR (Precision Approach Radar) on Runway 27 makes O'Hare the first airport to provide PAR capability on three runways served by one unit mounted on a turntable. Runways 14R, 32L, and 27, are served by a single antenna which is rotated on the turntable to serve the active runway.

ADMINISTRATOR HALABY ANNOUNCES SST CONTRACT

Monday, April 1st N. E. Halaby, speaking before the Beverly Hills Rotary Club announced selection of West Coast aircraft manufacturers to conduct airframe research in the supersonic transport program. These are the Lockheed California Co., and Boeing Company/North American Aviation, the latter two operating as a single contractor in a joint venture. Government/industry cost-share agreement totals \$3.4 million with industry contributing \$1.6 million and government \$1.8 million toward total program costs.

ADDITIONAL RADAR BRIGHT DISPLAY ORDERED

Eight additional radar bright display systems have been ordered by the FAA from Raytheon Co. for use in the New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta and Los Angeles ARTCCs. This order brings total to date to 68 -- are needed for high altitude area positive control for aircraft above 24,000 feet.

APPROVAL FOR SUPPLEMENT TO FAAP

A supplement to the current FY '63 Federal-Aid Airport Program has been approved. Total funds involved amount to \$4,002,125, which will go to 43 airports in 25 different states. This money accumulated through surpluses from projects costing less than originally estimated or from projects which were cancelled.

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## FAAP HEARINGS SCHEDULED TUESDAY

Congressional hearings on a bill to amend the Federal Airport Act extending the time three more years will be held by the Senate Aviation Subcommittee on April 9, 10 and 11. On Tuesday, Administrator Halaby will testify for the Agency and he will be accompanied by Cole Morrow, Alan Dean, William J. Schulte, Chester Bowers, and Nathaniel Goodrich. The present Act expires with the FY '64 program.

## FAA FIRST TO BE STUDIED IN MANPOWER UTILIZATION SURVEY

The Agency and the Department of Labor will be the first two government agencies to have their manpower utilization practices examined by the Civil Service Commission and the Bureau of the Budget. It will mark the beginning of the administration's program to review manpower utilization of all Federal agencies in order to achieve greater efficiency, economy, better utilization of personnel, and more enlightened personnel policies. In their review, the CSC and BOB will interview employees at all grade levels. The survey in this Agency will start within the next few weeks. FAA was selected for this test run because its manpower utilization program is regarded as advanced and its management environment favorable.

## FOREIGN VIP's VISIT CENTER

Two prominent foreign visitors were given tours of the Aeronautical Center recently. The most recent visitor was Wilhem Krbez, an official of the Austrian Air Force. Last week Alia Badi Hedayati, Civil Engineer, an airport engineer in Iran, visited various areas of the Aeronautical Center.

## FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES DUE APRIL 15

Next Monday is April 15th and both Federal and State income taxes are due at that time. If you have not filled out your returns, now is the time to do it. Both Federal and State forms can be obtained in the Post Office in the Aeronautical Center Administration Building.

## SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE AT THE AERONAUTICAL CENTER

The new shuttle bus service is called to the attention of Aeronautical Center employees. The bus makes several stops within the Center complex and to the Staging Facility at 5300 South Portland. Six daily trips are made by the bus and follows an hourly schedule.

## DAVID D. THOMAS WINS MAJOR AEROSPACE AWARD

David D. Thomas, Director of the Air Traffic Service was named winner of the 1963 Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award. The award is given annually in recognition of outstanding and notable achievement in the field of aviation safety. The presentation was made on April 9 in Washington at a luncheon of the joint National Meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society of Naval Engineers. The citation for the award states that Thomas is "one of the outstanding experts in this country, if not in the world, on the management of air traffic control."

## MRS. NOYES HONORED

Mrs. Blanche Noyes, Air Marking Specialist in the Agency's Installation and Materiel Service, has been selected one of the six outstanding women in the Federal Government. She and five other recipients will receive the Federal Women's Award at a special banquet on May 2nd in Washington. Mrs. Noyes has been responsible for the Government's Air Marking Program. She also wrote and revised the technical handbook used by those who design and build air markers; designed the U. S. Standard Heliprt Marker; and has cooperated with many foreign countries in assisting them to set up their own air marking program.

## FAA HEADQUARTERS TO MOVE BY OCT. 1

Administrator Halaby and Bernard Boutin, Administrator of the General Services Administration, met Friday, April 5 and agreed that FAA will occupy FOB 10A by October 1. Only minor details, such as office partitions and communications, remain to be settled. FAA and GSA staff members will meet this week to make all arrangements final.

## CHARLES WARNICK NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

Charles G. Warnick, former Director of the State of Kentucky's Tourist and Travel Division Department of Public Information and Cincinnati newspaperman has been appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Information Services and reports for duty April 15th.

## FAA TEAM SURVEYING NEW CARF SITE

CARF (Central Altitude Reservation Facility) may get a new home. Operating from outmoded quarters in Kansas City since 1956, this unique FAA control unit has an urgent need for a more efficient operating environment. A four-man FAA survey team will be at Offutt AFB, Omaha, SAC Hqs., to judge suitability of several facilities SAC would make available free of charge. SAC is CARF's prime customer, providing about 95% of its business. CARF's business is to reserve airspace for large-scale high priority military missions throughout the Free World, coordinating with other U. S. and overseas control centers to prevent conflict with civil air operations. A survey team will also take a look at other military facilities. CARF has a 39-man staff.

## NEW BOSTON ARTCC NOW OPERATIONAL

The new Boston ARTCC located at nearby Nashua, New Hampshire, was officially cut-over at 1:14 AM EST on Sunday, March 31, 1963. Cut-over was made rapidly and without adversely affecting traffic under that center's control at the time. From its new location, the Center will provide air traffic control services for the airspace encompassing the areas of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and considerable portions of New York. Formal dedication of the building is planned for May 4.

## 3 FAA LIAISON OFFICERS TO MATS

The appointment of 3 FAA liaison officers to the Military Air Transport Service has been approved. Leigh V. Reynolds, Stanley V. Pasternak, and Miles C. Ullman will report to Scott AFB (Illinois), McGuire AFB (New Jersey), and Travis AFB (California), respectively.

## FAA NOW HAS A CHAPLAIN

The Pacific Region claims honors of having the first FAA Chaplain. Rev. Leon Murphy, a 47-year-old priest with a Boston accent reported to his new post at Wake Island the last week of March. Father Murphy will see to the spiritual needs and moral welfare of Wake's approximately 1300 inhabitants. The island is a possession of the U. S., under the immediate jurisdiction of the FAA because it is a major refueling station and emergency landing stop in the Pacific.

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## COORDINATION OF FINAL PLANS FOR RECORDS BUILDING

Alan Dean, Deputy Administrator for Administration; John Provan, Director, Office of Management Services; John Howerton, Chief, Building Design and Engineering Branch, and Gerald Luss, Designs for Health and Education, spent April 15 and 16th at the Aeronautical Center. Their visit was for the purpose of final coordination of planning for construction of the Aviation Records Building. During their two days' stay they also reviewed the programs of certain management studies and the programs of some tenant organizations.

## RONALD W. PULLING TO BE ON SEMINAR

Depot Manager, Ronald W. Pulling will appear as a panelist on the Seminar for Secretaries, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma in cooperation with the Redbud Chapter of the National Secretaries Association April 20 in Norman. Pulling's subject will be "What Management Expects of the Secretary." Several Aeronautical Center secretaries are members of the association and plan to attend the Seminar.

## MATERIEL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Agency's Materiel Systems Improvement Plan was discussed last week when officials from the Installation and Materiel Service Washington office, the Regions and NAFEC met with personnel of the Depot. Here for discussions were C. M. Estep, Ted C. Rodarm, Glenn E. Halbert, H. W. Spruill and R. J. Weigand, of the Washington I & M office; D. W. Daniel, NAFEC; M. W. Peterson, Alaskan Region; C. E. Aldrich and John E. Abernathy, Pacific Region; Fred H. Harlan, Southwest Region; J. Peterson, Eastern Region; B. G. Braithwaite, Central Region; George Sanders and Bernard J. Duffy, Western Region; and F. A. Kelley, Southern Region.

## SPECIAL STORM COMMUNICATIONS SET-UP

The Installation and Materiel Depot is establishing a special communications system for the duration of the tornado season to assure the spread of local tornado funnel warnings throughout the Depot in a few seconds. The Depot is developing the plan as a safeguard for its employees.

### CARI's T-34 TO BE USED IN RESEARCH

A Beechcraft T-34, recently acquired by the Civil Aeromedical Research Institute, is now in the hands of the contractor to be readied for air work. The T-34 will be utilized in Aeromedical Research experiments, starting in May. Such areas of research as inflight effect of drugs on the pilot, pilot fatigue and related human factors studies will be carried out.

### FAA DEFCON SYSTEM CONTINUES TO BE REFINED FOR DEFENSE READINESS PLANNING

Only recently have Civilian Agencies of the Federal government made use of the military DEFCON system. This system of DEFCON's (Defense Conditions) permits an early reaction to progressively more serious international situations. Since preparatory actions under DEFCON's are commenced before an incident occurs a maximum state of readiness is theoretically possible.

In the past FAA DEFCON's have been unclassified and were generally known. Under new procedures and under certain conditions FAA DEFCON's may be classified. In this event only selected key Aeronautical Center managerial personnel will be initially notified. This limited notification will permit emergency actions to be taken without public notice in accordance with the existing Agency concept for FAA DEFCON's.

### TARGET DATE TO BE SET FOR NEW SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS

The Office of Personnel and Training will hold two sets of conferences next week to discuss the new standards of classifying supervisory electronic maintenance technician positions. The new standards have been established, and P&T will meet with Systems Maintenance representatives on April 25-26 to discuss a target date for putting them into effect. This meeting will follow a conference of regional classifiers to be held in Washington on April 22-24.

### FAA SALARY AMONG TOP TEN IN GOVERNMENT

A reflection of the technical and scientific composition of the FAA is the Agency's \$673 average monthly employee salary. The FAA is now the tenth largest agency in the Federal Government with its personnel numbering over 45,000 and its monthly payroll exceeding \$30 million.

#### TURKISH GIRL BECOMES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

Gonul Simsek, the only foreign woman Air Traffic Controller trained in the U. S., was given her certificate last Friday in Washington. Miss Simsek graduated recently from the FAA Aeronautical Academy in Oklahoma City under AID/FAA sponsorship and supervision. She returns to Turkey soon to begin her work as a controller. She is the second foreign woman to have graduated from the Academy.

#### CIRCULAR DEFINES MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS FOR AIRPORTS SERVICE VFR PLANES

Minimum standards for the design and construction of airports to serve aircraft operating under visual flight rules are now available in Advisory Circular AC 150/5300-1. This is a positive step to implement one of the recommendations of Project Horizon by providing a tool for the development of small airports to provide national air accessibility.

#### NEW GUIDELINES FOR NAP/FAAP COORDINATION

Airports Service Order AS 5000.2 sets forth specific guidelines for regional and headquarters coordination of the National Airport Plan and the Federal Aid Airport Program. This Order provides for meaningful coordination as distinguished from trying to make everything everybody's job.

#### TERMINAL RADAR SERVICE PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED

At a recent meeting in Atlanta, officials of the Southern Region, of Air Traffic Service, and of the aviation industry, indicated their overwhelming support of the FAA's program to evaluate positive separation concept in a high activity terminal area. Certain modifications of the test program now include an expanded use of visual separation and raised TRSA floor to 2500 feet MSL within the Fulton County Control Zone. The Southern Region has been given wide latitude to rearrange positions of operation and to make such other changes in order to develop a sound terminal positive separation program.

#### FAA ATTORNEY WINS FELLOWSHIP

George Gleason, a lawyer in the General Counsel's Office, has been awarded a fellowship for study at the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University, Montreal, for the academic year beginning next September. The Institute is one of only a few schools in North America established for the advanced study of aviation law.

HALABY TO CONDUCT FIRST "HANGAR-FLYING"  
SESSION OF 1963

The Administrator will be at St. Petersburg/Clearwater (Fla.) International Airport April 27th for the first hangar-flying session of the year. This will be the first of four scheduled "Fly-Ins" planned for 1963. Other sessions will be in the Southwest, Middle West, and Northwest. Hangar Flying is open to all people interested in civil aviation. They are informal forums in which pilots, A&Es, flying clubs, organizations, and other members of the aviation community can meet the Administrator and discuss their problems and air criticisms. This marks the third consecutive season of "Hangar Flying." The Administrator met with 2000 TWA maintenance people in Kansas City March 29.

GENERAL GRANT VISITING PACIFIC REGION

Deputy Administrator Harold W. Grant left Washington last Saturday for his first tour of the Pacific Region. He will spend two weeks reviewing FAA activities in Honolulu, Wake Island, Guam, Canton Island, and Samoa. He is scheduled to return from the inspection trip April 25th.

AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE RELEASES STUDY OF  
DELAYS AT AIR TERMINALS

Concerned for a number of years over time lost in terminal areas for various reasons, Air Traffic Service distributed questionnaires last August to 263 FAA Tower Chiefs inquiring what caused delays in their respective terminal areas. A final report called "FAA Tower Chiefs' Appraisal of Terminal Area Delay" statistically examines the factors which contribute to delays. The report will be evaluated by the Regional Offices as the first step in taking corrective action at the critical locations.

FAA EXPANDS STUDY ON ADDITIONAL JET  
AIRPORT FOR NEW YORK

The Administrator met last week with New Jersey's Governor Hughes and Senator Williams to discuss building another jet airport to serve the New York metropolitan area. The Administrator agreed to expand the present study of three proposed sites - Suffolk and Orange Counties in New York, and Burlington County in New Jersey. Purpose of the study is to determine possible conflicts in regional airspace utilization. The new supplement will review environmental factors of the three sites including climatological, meteorological, topographical and geographical data. FAA will not, however, recommend a site because that is the prerogative and responsibility of the sponsors, not the Federal Government.

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## FOURTH NAS COURSE UNDERWAY

The latest National Aviation Systems Course of the Academy continues to bring top flight personnel to the course. The latest course that started April 21 lists the following: Capt. G. A. Allred, United Air Lines; V. W. Ballenger, Trans World Airlines; Capt. P. H. Clancy, Northeast Airlines; John T. Fitzgerald, Allegheny Airlines.

And Ralph Hays, U. S. Dept. of Commerce; Capt. F. S. Haverlick, Pan-American-Grace Airways; Capt. W. B. Hooten, American Airlines; Lt. Col. William B. Hugill, U. S. Air Force; E. T. Jeter, Jr., Union Producing Co.; Foster V. Jones, Director of Airports, Louisville, Ky.; John P. Kennedy, Air Transport Association of America; Capt. L. W. McNames, Piedmont Airlines.

Also, Joseph Meek, Air Line Pilots Association; Allen C. Miner, Flight Safety Foundation; Allen F. Minick, Sinclair Oil and Gas Co.; John R. Mitchell, Seaboard World Airways; Robert E. Monroe, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.; Morris J. Morgan, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.

And, Julio Purcell, Puerto Rico Port Authority; Myron W. Reynolds, Bonanza Air Lines; A. L. Robinette, Ling-Temco-Vaught; A. K. Showalter, U. S. Weather Bureau; Cecil E. Smallwood, Morrison-Knudsen, Inc.; Warren J. Vibbard, Civil Air Board.

## DEPOT MAN GIVEN AWARD

In recognition of many years of community and youth service in Oklahoma, Dr. J. S. Clark, IM-907, Chief, Budget and Fiscal Branch, I & M Depot, will receive the De Molay Legion of Honor at Guthrie Friday. Dr. Clark joined the youth organization at McAlester in October of 1922. The Legion of Honor is one of the highest awards given by the De Molay.

## RCA OFFICIALS TOUR CENTER

Five officials of the Radio Corporation of America, Electron Tube Division, visited the Depot last week and toured Aeronautical Center facilities. The Depot hosted W. J. Zimmerman, C. E. Burnett, vice-president; G. W. Duckworth, marketing manager; J. F. Cooper, industrial tube division sales manager; and G. R. Rivers, Government marketing manager. The group was from Harrison, New Jersey.

#### WASHINGTON I & M VISITORS

Here for a study of the resources and operations of the I & M Depot are Glenn E. Goudie, SM-2, Deputy Director of the Systems Maintenance Service; Arthur E. Braytenbah, SM-40; Ray G. Smith, SM-12; Nancy Muncey, SM-3; and John B. Hogan, IM-301, Assistant Chief of the I & M Materiel Management Division.

#### OPERATIONS AIRMAN EXAMINATION SECTION VISITED

W. W. Jarrell, Chief, Program and Planning Branch of the Flight Standards Operations Division, spent April 17 and 18 at the new Staging Facility and the Aeronautical Center. His visit was for the purpose of reviewing projects of the Operations Airman Examination Section and assisting in matters of coordination between the Section and segments of the Aeronautical Center. During the two-day stay, he was also able to acquaint himself with the Section's physical facilities at their new location.

#### FOREIGN VIP'S TOUR

Two of the latest interesting personalities who have visited the Aeronautical Center were Pierre Hamer, Commissaire du Gouvernement - Minister of Transportation and Power of Luxembourg and Ray W. G. Emery, Director of the International Airport, Auckland, New Zealand.

#### CENTER MAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN

New President of Oklahoma Association for Mentally Retarded Children is Charles W. Mueller, chief of air navigation facilities training division at the Federal Aviation Agency Academy. He takes office May 1.

#### BIDS REQUIRE CURRENT FORM 57

Aeronautical Center employees submitting bids for vacancies advertised under the National, Washington and Field Promotion Plans are required to attach a current SF-57 to their Bid Sheet or, if appropriate, add a statement that a current SF-57 is on file in the Personnel Office having jurisdiction over the vacancy. Bids submitted without a current SF-57, or the appropriate statement, will be returned without action. A current SF-57 is necessary to enable selecting officials where the vacancy exists to review the applicant's experience and training. This requirement does not apply to vacancies advertised under the Aeronautical Center Promotion Plan (ACPP).

## FAA MEETS WITH FRENCH AND ENGLISH TO DISCUSS SST CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

FAA began last week a series of conferences with representatives of the French Secretariat General de l'Aviation Civile and the United Kingdom's Air Registration Board to discuss the general aspects of international Supersonic Transport certification. The first meeting was in Washington and was conducted by George C. Prill. The second is scheduled for July. The only SST currently under actual development in the Free World is the joint Anglo-French Mach 2, "Concorde." The FAA, with the Department of Defense and NASA, is examining technical and economic problems associated with the development of a Mach 3 transport. Because the SST represents such an advanced concept in commercial aviation, it will require special certification standards.

## FAA FALLS SHORT OF 100% PARTICIPATION IN FUND DRIVE

Headquarters participation in the Federal Service Joint Crusade Campaign and the National Health Agencies Drive was less than 100%. All offices and services were 100% with the exception of the Bureau of National Capital Airports which lowered the overall headquarters percentage to 96.1% for the NHA campaign and 95.9% for the FSJCC. The final percentage is expected to drop even lower because of the participation of 787 Eastern Region personnel, currently assigned to Washington, D. C.

## AREA POSITIVE CONTROL ADDS 226,800 MORE AIR MILES

The Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and New Orleans ARTCCs are now participating in radar positive control service, adding 226,800 additional square miles of protected high altitude (24,000-60,000) airspace. By the end of the year, the FAA plans to have positive control of high altitudes over virtually all 48 contiguous states.

## FAA LAWYER APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ROBERT KENNEDY

William F. Crawford, Associate General Counsel, took his oath as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General on April 16th. Crawford will act as counsel for the U.S. in the pending litigation in the Eastern District of New York which arose out of the mid-air collision over Staten Island in December 1960. His appointment terminates when the final judgment has been rendered by the district court. He will be free to consult with and speak for the FAA during the litigation.

## FAA GIVES FORMAL RECOGNITION TO ATS GROUP

The National Association of Air Traffic Specialists, Inc. has been recognized formally by the Agency. NAATS claims a membership of approximately 2,650 out of 4,000 flight service station specialists.

## NO FM RADIOS ON U. S. COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

When it was shown two years ago that portable FM radios operated on airliners and other commercial aircraft could interfere with the aircraft's VOR system, FAA passed a temporary rule prohibiting their use. Now it has been proven that FM radios can interfere with the operation of VHF radio navigation equipment while planes are airborne and the rule has been made permanent.

## BUDGET OFFICER WINS FEDERAL ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION AWARD

Clarke Harper, Director of the Agency's Office of the Budget, will receive the Federal Government Accountants Association Award for outstanding achievement in 1963. Presentation of the award will be made May 9 at a dinner in Washington.

## COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE

James T. Murphy will be the guest speaker at the 10th Annual Airlines Security Officers' Conference on April 25-26 in New York. His talk will cover the security programs of the FAA and the over-all relationship of these programs to the field of air transport safety.

## AGENCY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR SST ANALYSIS

The FAA has given a \$399,669 contract to the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc. for computer work and programming of research data compiled by the Agency in its studies of SST feasibility. A significant portion of their work should be finished by May 1.

## PROJECT PACESETTER BRINGS IDEAS TO PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

Ninety suggestions submitted by 180 employees in the Washington Office of Personnel and Training brought Project Pacesetter, P&T's economy campaign, to a successful conclusion on April 15. The winners of \$150 in prizes will be selected as soon as the evaluation is completed.

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