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INTERCOM AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS TO AERONAUTICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES.

This is the first of weekly newsletters to keep FAA employees abreast of Agency business. The newsletter is prepared by the Public Affairs Office at the Aeronautical Center. The newsletter contains information from the Washington Headquarters as well as information from every area at the Aeronautical Center.

'64 BUDGET HOUSE HEARINGS HELD LAST WEEK. As the first step in the legislative process for the Agency's \$810,100,000 requested budget, four days of hearings before the House Subcommittee on Independent Offices Appropriations were concluded as of Thursday last week. A thorough and thoughtful review of the Agency program was conducted by the committee, chaired by Albert Thomas.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT BY HALABY. Marking his second anniversary March 3, as head of the FAA, N. E. Halaby reported informally to President Kennedy last week at the White House to review progress of the Agency during the last 2 years. He outlined long-range prospects for civil aviation as well as his FAA objectives for the next year.

PROGRAM REVIEW CONFERENCE. Administrator Halaby's Program Review Conference was held at Williamsburg, Va., February 25-27. Regional Asst. Administrators, Managers of NAFEC and the Aeronautical Center met with top Headquarters Officials to discuss the status, problem areas, and future course of selected programs. Topics included system for Safe and Efficient Utilization of National Airspace, Defense Readiness, Aviation Safety, Airport Planning, General Aviation Affairs, Cost-benefit Studies, Manpower Utilization and Management Communications. Next conference in October.

STANDARDS FOR VFR AIRPORTS ISSUED. New standards for design and construction of small airports built under FY '64 FAAP are issued, establishing minimum airport standards for VFR operations of small aircraft. Minimum runway lengths of 2000' and widths of 50' are included. Information circular off the press soon.

NOTIP PLANS RE-EVALUATED. Joint FAA/DOD use of NOTIP/SAGE direction centers for air defense and traffic control at Grand Forks and Minot, N. D. cancelled. Center at Great Falls remains in joint-use program. Great Falls facility and FAA ARTCC at Minneapolis to provide air traffic service over entire NOTIP area. These two centers programmed now as most advanced experimental units in field to operationally test equipment designed for National Airspace Utilization System (NAUS) and its interface with present air defense environment and the evolving systems of the future. Detailed plans now being expedited to assure that the highly-selected group of FAA controllers and technicians selected to participate in joint-use program will continue in their career development. Most of those selected who still desire to participate will be used in the new configuration. Most of those who volunteered and who do not now desire to participate can be accommodated at their present locations. The few not now required in this program but committed to move will be offered other challenging assignments. Each person concerned will be contacted to resolve his individual problem.

MURPHY NAMED DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY. James T. Murphy, transferred from the Department of Labor to become FAA's first Director of the new Office of Compliance and Security, created under an Agency reorganization. Murphy will be responsible for investigative activities concerning standards of ethics and conduct of Agency personnel and physical security of information and property of the Agency.

CONFERENCE ON AIRBORNE RECORDERS. Flight Standards Service will sponsor Gov't.-Industry conference in Washington March 19th to discuss present and future potential of aircraft flight, voice, and maintenance recorders. CAB and FAA SRDS also to participate in the meeting.

TWA CAPTAIN BUCK SUBMITS REPORT. Capt. Robert N. Buck, TWA International Captain, spent 30 days with FAA studying problems of bad-weather operations around busy air carrier terminals and has submitted his report recommending both administrative and technical solutions for adjusting landings to bad weather conditions.

POSITIVE CONTROL EVALUATION. Some 150 pilots attended industry meeting at Atlanta, Ga., February 16th giving FAA comments and recommendations concerning evaluation program going on at Atlanta evaluating positive control concept. Pilots representing all segments of airspace users supported continued service.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE YEAR. At Mr. Halaby's press conference February 28th, he announced 1963 as MAINTENANCE YEAR in an effort to instill pride in the skill of licensed mechanics, both air carrier and general. FAA program to encourage better aviation maintenance thru series of conferences, special awards and other projects.

FAA OFFICIAL TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED POST IN PERU. John P. Irish named by U. S. Dept of State as first Civil Air Attache in Lima, Peru. Irish, currently Pacific Area Supervisor in the International Aviation Service, is first for this post recruited from FAA under terms of recent informal agreement between the Agency-CAB-State Department cooperative program of recruiting, selecting and training.

CENTER HIRES FOUR THOUSANDTH EMPLOYEE. Miss Barbara Jean Henry entered on duty at the Aeronautical Center Monday, March 11th. Miss Henry, a Douglass Highschool graduate in Oklahoma City, also attended the School of Business at OCU. She has been assigned to the Administrative Services Division as a stenographer.

FAA ACADEMY THIRD NATIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM COURSE UNDERWAY. The third National Aviation System Course is being held this week at the FAA Academy. Gordon Bain, Assistant Administrator for Evaluation, gave the welcoming address. Among the sixteen attending the course is the Deputy Director for Civil Aviation, Tel Aviv, Israel, Baratid Arad. Making a presentation for flight standards is George Prill, Director, Flight Standards Service.

AIRMAN AND AIRCRAFT RECORDS DEPARTMENT OF FAA MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS. The Control Systems Division and the Operations Airman Examination Section of the Federal Aviation Agency moved into new quarters, FAA Staging Area, at 5300 South Portland on March 10, 1963. Approximately 300 employees were involved in this move.

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## NEW AWARDS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The revised FAA Recognition and Awards Program (formerly called the Incentive Awards Program) became effective February 6, 1963. The names of the members of your Recognition and Awards Program Committee: Clyde L. Daniels, FS-990; J. S. Clark, IM-907; Irving D. Smith, PT-900.2; Stephen J. Brodnan, FS-915; Jay H. Moody, FS-945; Marada Decker, AC-25; Fred A. Purcell, Executive Secretary (non-voting) AC-16D. Designated as Coordinators for their respective areas in order to assure prompt, factual, and authoritative evaluations are: John I. Willoughby, Office of the Manager; Vaughan E. Choate, Office of the Deputy Civil Air Surgeon for Research and Operations; Neil S. Davis, Flight Inspection and Procedures Division; L. D. Winfrey, Control Systems Division; Leslie E. Delahay, Aircraft Services Base; Ted B. Halter, Installation and Materiel Depot, and William R. Nolan, FAA Academy.

## SERVICE DIRECTOR VISITS DEPOT.

Richard B. Leng, Washington, Director of the Installation and Materiel Service, and J. E. Pernice, Chief, I & M Service Procurement Division, are at the Aeronautical Center for an official visit to the Depot. During their two-day visit, Mr. Leng and Mr. Pernice are scheduled to tour Depot facilities, the Academy, Aircraft Services Base, CARI and other Center installations. They are guests of R. W. Pulling, Depot Manager.

## OPERATIONS AIRMAN EXAMINATION SECTION UNDERWAY.

The Operations Airman Examination Section of the Federal Aviation Agency having completed its move into new quarters, FAA Staging Facilities Building at 5300 South Portland, this past week, is now back in full operation of its basic program of developing airman examinations, study guides, and allied technical training materials.

#### AERONAUTICAL CENTER VISITORS.

Local IBM executives toured the Aeronautical Center Monday, March 18. Included in the group were Jack Graugnard, Manager of the Oklahoma City IBM office. Other officials were Jack French, Milt Donaldson, Roy Sinclair, and Bob Lukeman. Also visiting the Center from University Loud Speakers Corporation, a subsidiary of Ling-Temco-Vaught, were LTV executives Bob Sherwood, Conrad Willems, and Summer Everett. These men are some of the management of the new LTV plant being constructed near Oklahoma City. The new plant is expected to be in operation by mid-summer.

#### PRESIDENT TO DEDICATE O'HARE INTERNATIONAL.

President Kennedy will fly to Chicago Saturday, March 23, to dedicate the O'Hare International Airport. O'Hare is this country's busiest airport with over 417,000 takeoffs and landings a year.

#### FAA/NASA IN JOINT SST PROJECT.

FAA and NASA are completing plans for a joint research project to study designs and operations of both supersonic transports and an appropriate air traffic control system for SST aircraft in flight simulated programs at NAFEC and NASA's Langley Research Center.

#### PRIVATE PILOTS FACE NEW TAKEOFF AND LANDING RESTRICTIONS.

Administrator Halaby has told CAB Chairman Boyd that the FAA has begun a program which will restrict private pilots from attempting takeoff and landings when airport conditions are below ATC minimums. The new rulings will not apply to emergency situations. This program is in answer to a request by Chairman Boyd who pointed out the increasing number of accidents in terminal areas during poor weather conditions.

#### COL. SPITZ DECORATED.

Col. Charles E. Spitz, former Chief of the Plans and Requirements Branch of the International Aviation Service, received the Legion of Merit, the second highest governmental award distinguished work in peacetime. FAA Deputy Administrator General Grant made the presentation.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SST RESEARCH.

In connection with the FAA's Supersonic Transport Program, the Agency has awarded a \$24,132 contract to General Electric's Valley Forge (Pa.) Space Technology Center to study ozone, radiation, and other natural phenomena associated with high altitude flying.

TWO OFFICIALS IN SOMALI.

Two FAA officials, Anthony W. Lalle of the General Counsel's Office and Lynn I. Jones of the International Aviation Service, are enroute to Somali to help draft basic aviation laws and safety regulations as the first step in establishing a national aviation system.

AREA POSITIVE CONTROL EXPANDED.

80,000 additional square miles of high altitude airspace will now be protected with the recent addition of the Minneapolis and Chicago ARTCC's to the radar positive control service now in effect between 24,000 and 60,000 feet over all or parts of 18 states.

NIFA AIR MEET.

The 1963 National Intercollegiate Flying Association will hold its 15th annual Air Meet and Conference at Southern Illinois University from April 25th through April 27th.

PERT BRIEFING.

Top FAA officials have been briefed on the development, use and value of the PERT Management System (Program Evaluation and Review Technique) and on the activities of the Inter-Agency PERT Coordinating Group. PERT is a system of management concerned with the most economical way to administer government contracts. The FAA is a member of the inter-agency group which also included DOD, Air Force, Navy, Army, AEC, NASA and the Bureau of the Budget.

ZVOLANEK NEW PERSONNEL CHIEF.

Benjamin F. Zvolanek is the new Chief of the Personnel Operations Division in Personnel and Training. Zvolanek replaces John E. Langer who became Assistant Chief of the Management Analysis Division.

#### NEW MAINTENANCE FOR AGENCY DC-3 AIRCRAFT.

The Aircraft Services Division Flight Standards has upgraded the maintenance system for FAA DC-3 aircraft from 6000 hours to 12,000 hours. The new system will decrease maintenance costs, equalize routine maintenance and overhaul work flow and provide additional aircraft availability.

#### CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PROJECT BEACON.

The FAA has awarded a \$4.3 million production contract for Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon Equipment to the Electronic Systems Division of Telecomputing Corporation, North Hollywood, California.

#### FAA REPORTS CONTRACTS.

Contracts awarded by the Agency during the first two months of 1963 show a total of \$10,737,990 spent for research and development projects studying air traffic control, and purchase of equipment for air navigation and airways communication.

#### FAA FALLING SHORT IN FUND DRIVE.

Attorney General Kennedy and Secretary of Labor Wirtz encourage all government workers to bring the Federal Service Joint Crusade Campaign to 100% participation. FAA employees are lagging considerably behind and Mr. Halaby urges everyone to contribute wholeheartedly.

#### STEWARDESSES MEET HALABY.

Representatives of the nation's airline stewardesses met last week with Mr. Halaby and other Agency officials in the first of two meetings. Two groups, one affiliated with the Airline Pilots Association and the other with the International Transport Workers, presented their views on matters of flight safety, including training requirements for flight attendants, evacuation procedures, serving alcoholic beverages, and flight time limits.

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FAA ACADEMY TAKES TO THE ROAD. The Air Traffic Training Division began a new era in training on March 4. Classes in Operational Supervision for Air Traffic Facility Coordinators began at New Orleans, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Atlanta, and Kansas City. These classes are being conducted by teams of instructors from the Academy, and will be presented in key locations throughout the country during the next year. An estimated 1,200 first-line supervisors will be trained in technical supervisory techniques during this period.

LENGTH OF SERVICE EMBLEMS. The Personnel Division reports that length of service emblems are being requisitioned for over 1400 Aeronautical Center employees. The words "Federal Aviation Agency" will be inscribed on each emblem, which otherwise will be the standard design used throughout the Federal service. Lapel buttons will be issued to the men, and pins to the women. This year will be the first time that Federal Aviation Agency employees will be awarded emblems for 10 years of service. After the first 10 years, employees will receive other emblems for each additional 5 years of service. The cut-off date, for computing current eligibility to receive length of service emblems, is December 31, 1962. Presentation of length of service awards will be made as soon as the emblems are procured and distributed.

DEPOT PARTICIPATES IN MATERIEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. R. W. Pulling, Depot Manager, and two other Depot employees, have been at Pacific Region Headquarters, Honolulu, for several days helping to coordinate an Agency-developed Materiel Management System Improvement Plan. The Depot Manager is working with C. M. Estep, Washington Installation and Materiel Service Materiel Division Chief and members of his staff, and the Pacific Region Assistant Administrator and members of the regional staff on the project. With Pulling representing the Depot are Ralph Gamel, Chief of the Operating Materiel Branch, and Bill Dotson, also of OMB. Recently, the team spent several days in Seattle at the Alaskan Region Supply Support Section to discuss that phase of the Agency project.

FAA OFFICIALS TO SPEAK. Several Federal Aviation Agency officials from Oklahoma City will give papers in an aerospace medical meeting in Los Angeles, April 29-May 2. Dr. Richard G. Snyder of the Civil Aeromedical Research Institute will report on his studies of human tolerance to extreme impacts in free fall. This will be in an April 30 section meeting on acceleration. An entire section May 1 will be devoted to an FAA presentation. Speakers will include Dr. Peter V. Siegel, of the aeromedical certification division; Dr. William R. Albers, of the aeromedical standards division; and Dr. Stanley R. Mohler, present CARI chieftain. Also on the program will be Dr. Hilliard D. Estes, acting civil air surgeon and former CARI director.

HALABY CONSIDERS IDEA OF SST CORPORATION. If President Kennedy decides to go ahead with the construction of a civil supersonic transport, Administrator Halaby might propose the establishment of a public-government SST corporation similar to the Communications Satellite Corp. He is awaiting a report from a four-man committee he appointed to study the feasibility of this plan that would form a corporation to handle the tremendous costs of SST development. Such an organization would solve two problems: it would relieve the FAA of the embarrassment of being in a position where it would both construct and certificate an SST aircraft; it also would separate the huge SST production costs from the regular FAA Budget.

CONGRESS SUPPORTS FAA RECOMMENDATION ON AIRPORT FUNDS. Sen. Mike Monroney (D.Okla.), chairman of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, has introduced a bill extending the Federal Airport Act three years past its expiration date on June 30, 1964. The measure, co-sponsored by Commerce Committee Chairman Warren Magnuson (D. Wash.), also calls for \$75 million annual federal allocation to the airport program. On the House side, Reps. J. Bell Williams (D.Miss.) and William L. Springer (R.Illinois) also introduced the same legislative bills. The FAA already has received 530 requests for FY '64 FAAP appropriations which total \$150 million. Announcement of the program is scheduled for June.

MORROW TO HOLD CONFERENCE ABOUT FAAP BILLS. Cole Morrow, Director of Airport Services, met on March 25th with aviation organization representatives primarily interested in airports to discuss provisions of the Federal Airport Act now before Congress.

NEW OFFICER IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES. David F. Tipp has been named Management Program Officer in Management Services to replace Richard H. Adams who has transferred to the Area Redevelopment Agency in the Department of Commerce. Tipp formerly was chief of the Audit Standards Branch in Management Services.

ADMINISTRATOR URGES DULLES-NATIONAL CORPORATION. Mr. Halaby again has asked Congress to put the operation of DIA and WNA in the hands of a National Capital Airport Corp., with management of day-to-day operations vested in a general manager and over-all direction remaining with the FAA.

SCHULTE ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN PARIS. William F. Schulte, Assistant Administrator for General Aviation Affairs, returned from Paris last Friday after attending a meeting of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale to discuss world-wide problems and goals of general aviation.

COCKPIT VOICE RECORDERS FOR AIRLINERS? The FAA told a government-industry conference last week in Washington that cockpit voice recorders may be required on all airliners. George Prill, Director of FSS, said that the Agency may also go to rulemaking on flight recorders to improve performance and capability. SRDS reported that it has nearly completed successful evaluation of two recorder systems that would be priced under \$2,000 and would weigh less than 25 pounds.

CONSOLIDATED FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL PLANNED. As part of the FAA's project to improve its flight information program, the Agency is considering a plan to replace the Airman's Guide, the Flight Information Manual, and other flight information publications by a single looseleaf volume entitled Airman's Information Manual. The redesignated publication would be divided into five parts: Basic Flight Manual, Air Traffic Control Operational Procedures, Flight Data and Special Use Airspace Notices, Airport/Facility Directory, and an International Flight Information Manual. All information of an administrative, legal, or other non-operational nature would be omitted.

FAA HAS LOWEST RATE OF SICK LEAVE. A recent Civil Service Commission study revealed that Federal employee sick leave has soared to a record of an average of 8.3 days per year. FAA personnel averaged 5.7 days each, the government low in a sample study. The high was registered by the Navy, with 7.9 days annually. The study was based on a random sampling of 90,000 Federal employees who took sick leave during the 1961 calendar year.

DRUG HELPS SURVIVOR RECALL AIR CRASH DETAILS. An FAA physician, Dr. John B. Miller, was given sodium amytal to jog his memory during the investigation of an accident last April. Dr. Miller, the only survivor of the crash near Canton Island in the Pacific, was able to describe circumstances that he had been unable to remember after the crash. This is the first time such a procedure has been used successfully in an accident investigation. The technique of administering a drug to promote memory recall is called narcosynthesis.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR TWO FAA OFFICIALS. Mr. Halaby recently nominated Ronald W. Pulling, Manager of the Installation and Materiel Depot, Aeronautical Center, and George Gary, Chief, Airports Division, Southern Region, as candidates for the Mid-Career Educational Program for Federal Officials, given by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. This is a one-year educational program designed to broaden the perspectives and capabilities of mid-career government executives.