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TITAN III D SPACE COMPLEX UNDERWAY

Colonel James Irvine, Jr. announced that modifications to Space Launch Complex 4 East, Vandenberg AFB are now proceeding under the direction of the Western Area Office. SLC-4E, which was originally built to accommodate the Atlas/Agena Combination, is now being prepared to receive the Titan III D.

The \$5-1/4 million contract calls for increasing the mobile service tower from approximately 160 feet to 247 feet high and widening it by 8 feet. Other modifications include: alterations to the flame bucket, construction of fuel and oxidizer holding areas, construction of the umbilical tower, and the building of an environmental enclosure at the top of the mobile service tower for servicing the Agena and its payload. Completion is expected in May 1969.

L.A. FIRM TO WORK ON SENTINEL. The Huntsville Division of the Army Corps of Engineers entered into a contract with Booz-Allen Applied Research, Inc., of Los Angeles, for systems effectiveness engineering in support of the design of power plants for the SENTINEL Ballistic Missile Defense System.

Brigadier General R. P. Young, Huntsville Division Engineer, said the contract is for \$145,000. The Los Angeles engineering firm will study the effectiveness of electrical power plants being designed for the first Perimeter Acquisition Radar and Missile Site Radar sites to be constructed in the nation's new SENTINEL system.

The Huntsville Division is charged with management of design and construction of the facilities for SENTINEL. Some 15 to 20 sites for the defense system will be built throughout the United States.

Homeowner Assistance : Program Booms

Congress passed a law in November 1966 that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners serving or employed at military installations which are being cut back. A. D. Stanley, Chief, Real Estate Division, heads a new unit established to administer, manage, and execute the Homeowners Assistance Program within the Los Angeles District.

The program is primarily a special relief program, with many new features and concepts are claims and acquisitions procedures.

Last April, Roald Jacobsen, Chief, Homeowners Assistance Program and Doris McSweeney were assigned responsibility to implement the program. Since then, 400 applications for assistance have been received and are being processed.

Due to the phaseout of SBAMA, Norton AFB and the transfer of over 3,000 civilian employees, the HAP unit is expected to expand soon.

Giant Corps Feat

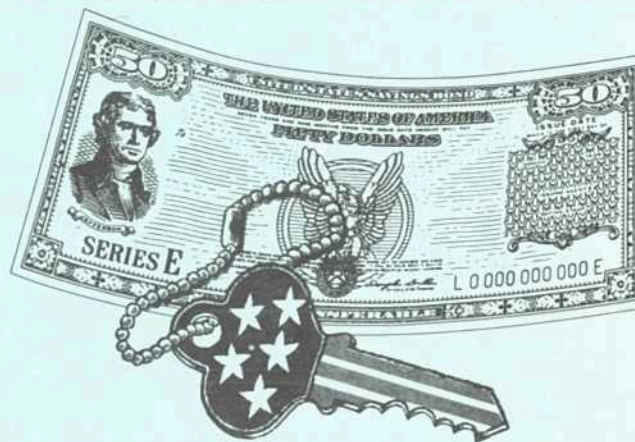
L.A. COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION. The Los Angeles District Office went into the flood control business in a big way in 1936. Construction projects included the Los Angeles River, Ballona Creek, Verdugo Wash and Alhambra Wash Channels. Hansen and Sepulveda Flood Control Basins soon followed.

Between 1936 and 1940 the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Comprehensive Plan was formulated by our engineers and presented to the Office, Chief of Engineers for approval. Congress authorized the construction of the Comprehensive Plan under the Flood Control Act of August 1941. This plan covers the drainage areas of the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Rio Hondo and Ballona Creek. The project provided for construction of five flood-control basins, 22 debris basins, 101 miles of main channels, 194 miles of tributary channels and two jetties.

After almost 30 years, the \$390 million project is nearing completion. Still left to be built are 0.7 mile reach of Sierra Madre Wash Channel, and some minor paving and fencing work. Work is scheduled to be completed in 1969.

Many innovations of channel design were developed in the recently deactivated model laboratory. These designs have been adopted by the Corps of Engineers, county and state agencies and several foreign countries.

In every corner of Los Angeles County evidence of the Corps of Engineers, LACDA project can be seen. Los Angeles and its suburbs, was once under dangerous flood menace. The area is now relatively free from havoc that would be caused by major floods.



**Star-spangled key
to a home of your own**

INTRODUCING

District Engineer, Norman E. Pehrson began his active military service as an enlisted man and won an Army competitive appointment to West Point. He graduated in June 1943, was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and then went to the European Theater of Operations. He served as platoon and company commander in combat, participating in four campaigns: Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. After fighting ceased he was assigned to Third Army Headquarters.

Colonel Pehrson attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and received a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1948. He then went to Nashville Engineer District, where he worked on construction of Wolf Creek Dam and other heavy construction projects.

Colonel Pehrson was assigned to the Army Attache system, serving successively as Assistant Army Attache in London and Brussels. He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and graduated in 1956. Colonel Pehrson was then assigned to the Department of Military Art and Engineering at the United States Military Academy, where he was Associate Professor of Civil Engineering and Departmental Executive Officer.

In 1960, Colonel Pehrson became senior aide-de-camp to the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command in Korea. This was followed by two years at Fort Hood, first as commanding officer of the 35th Engineer Group (Construction) and then as the III Corps Engineer. He next attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. After graduation, he was assigned to the Army General Staff in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations as Chief of the International Policy Division.

He became District Engineer, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in January 1967.

Colonel Pehrson is married to the former Ruth Humphreys of New Bedford, Massachusetts. They have three children: Bruce Alan, a graduate of Yale Divinity School; Norma Jean, a student at the University of Arizona, and Nancy Lynne.

OLD GOLD MINE MAKES GREAT FALLOUT SHELTER.

Samuel M. Ackerman and Charles E. Truesdell Civil Engineers, Civil Defense and Relocation Section, visited the Sidewinder Mine, Victorville, California as the guest of Mr. William C. Melton, CD Coordinator. The mine, an old gold producer before it was closed, has been readied as a fallout shelter. The mine can shelter 859 persons and is located about 17 miles from Victorville in San Bernardino County. Work began on this facility 6 years ago and cost of constructing the public fallout shelter and equipping the shelter is estimated at \$250,000. Local government contributed \$369.00. OCD stocked the mine, and the rest of the equipment and services were provided by volunteers. They cleaned the mine, installed wiring and communications. Over 16,000 manhours were contributed. An investigation of mines in Arizona has been completed.

The information gained from the visit to the Sidewinder will be of great use in evaluating the Arizona mines for use as public fallout shelters. William Oakes, Shelter Manager, conducted the tour and gave a talk about the organization and people who contributed to the shelter project. The engineers were accompanied by Harry Weaver, City Engineer, Victorville, California.

JOINS ESKIMOS. Arno Lilly, former Construction Division employee, is now working on a construction job in Alaska.

EMPLOYEES GUARANTEED ACCESS. Federal agencies have been directed by the Civil Service Commission to examine internal policies and instructions to make sure employees are not denied access to personnel offices.

The Commission directive said, "An employee has the right to communicate with the personnel officials of his agency, the Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of his agency, or his assistant, and a supervisory or management official of higher rank than his immediate supervisor."

The employee need not explain his reasons for wanting to talk to officials, but some agency rules require that the interview not disrupt work schedules and be scheduled for a convenient time.

"It is not enough for a supervisor to abstain from overt acts or threats or interference - he should refrain from making any statement or taking any action that has the flavor of a threat, interference, or intimidation." the directive concluded.

EX-PRO BASEBALLER NOW CORPS EMPLOYEE. During spring training time - and in the fall during the World Series, Henry Watson, Jr., Plan Room, Supply Division, gets a far-off look in his eye. Hank is probably recalling memories and what might have been.

Hank Watson was a professional baseball player. He hails from Birmingham, Alabama and he made his letter in basketball at Parker High School.

"I tried out for professional baseball with the Detroit Tigers," Henry recalled. "My pro career started and ended with the Philadelphia Phillies organization and I played three years with the Philadelphia Stars."

Watson played in the outfield, in both left and center field. He continued his baseball career when he went into the Army and played with Special Services when he was in Germany.

Hank's baseball interest has never waned. He still follows the game and the activities of friends such as Willy Mays. Watson is coach of the Engineer Los Angeles District softball team. The team is enjoying top spot in the five-club Los Angeles Recreation league competition. Hank also plays on the team.

Henry is married and his wife works for the Los Angeles Post Office. They have two boys, Henry Odell, 6, and Joe Anthony, 5.

Plus his interest in baseball, Hank is an active golfer. The favorite Watson family pastime is camping and playing outdoors.

CAUTIONS FOR BACKYARD COOKS

It's outdoor barbecue time again in all parts of the country, and the NSC Home Department has these suggestions for the backyard chef:

Lighting the fire with highly flammable liquids such as gasoline is the most frequent cause of burn accidents.

Commercial products such as liquids and treated solid starters are safe if used carefully as directed. Never use a liquid starter on a fire that is already going or even on apparently dead coals - a flareup or an explosion can result.

If an electric starter or rotisserie is used with the charcoal grill - and a three-wire, three-prong-plug hookup is not supplied with the equipment you must take care to avoid shock by standing on a dry, nonconductive surface while using the grill, avoiding damp concrete or grass.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR ENGAGING IN RIOTS AND CIVIL DISORDERS.

1. Public Law 90-351 enacted 19 June 1968 amends subchapter II of Title 5, U. S. Code. New section 7313 of title 5 reads as follows: Riots and civil disorders

(a) An individual convicted by any Federal, State, or local court of competent jurisdiction of --

(1) inciting a riot or civil disorder;

(2) organizing, promoting, encouraging, or participating in a riot or civil disorder;

(3) aiding or abetting any person in committing any offense specified in clause (1) or (2); or

(4) any offense determined by the head of the employing agency to have been committed in furtherance of, or while participating in, a riot or civil disorder; shall, if the offense for which he is convicted is a felony, be ineligible to accept or hold any position in the Government of the United States or in the government of the District Columbia for the five years immediately following the date upon which his conviction becomes final. Any such individual holding a position in the Government of the United States or in the government of the District of Columbia on the date his conviction becomes final shall be removed from such position.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "felony" means any offense for which imprisonment is authorized for a term exceeding one year.

JIM TANOUYE MARRIES. James Tanouye, Military Branch, surprised his friends and fellow workers by eloping June 29. He married the former Frances Yoshihara of Los Angeles. They had an extended honeymoon in Las Vegas, Tahoe, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon.

Since his co-workers didn't have the opportunity to decorate his car, they decorated his desk, and WAS it ready for him upon his return!

SAFETY TIPS - REMEMBER

Remove doors from refrigerators and iceboxes not in use.

HINTS ON FOREST, WOODS, AND WATERSHED FIRE PREVENTION. There have been serious watershed fires in Southern California recently. Those of us who live in the Western States and vacation during the dry season have an obligation to comply with all fire prevention regulations. Our fire prevention behavior and our efforts to develop fire preventive habits among ourselves and friends are of the utmost importance in protecting our vital national resources of watersheds, woods, and forests.

During your vacation and week-end outings in the open, there are four things to remember in order to assist in preventing fires:

- a. Crush your cigarette
- b. Hold your burnt match until it's cold
- c. Douse your campfire
- d. Consult your ranger or fire warden before burning grass, brush, or trash

Follow these four simple rules and be extra careful this year. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires.

A-E CONTRACTS REACH NEW HIGH. The A-E Negotiation Section, Engineering Division, turned in an all time record for the 3-month period ending 30 June. The section negotiated, and prepared award letters with supporting documents for 36 new A-E contracts at a total of \$862,000, and 78 modifications at \$559,000.

Activities

NFFE. Verne Swank has discount tickets available for Hollywood Bowl, the Greek Theater, Ringling Brothers Circus and many other events. Bulletins and other employee information is available. Verne is in room 6112. All employees are invited to the Local's meetings and Verne can give you information on the time and place.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP. The group meets each Thursday at 1130 to 1200 in room 6069. Bring your lunch and enjoy a half hour of interesting inspirational talk by Rev. James Mitchell.

CREDIT UNION. The Board of Directors approved assessment of delinquency charges. A penalty charge will be made against member's account when payments are late. The new charge will go into effect September 1.

If any employee is planning to retire soon and would be interested in working full-time for the Credit Union, please contact Bob Austin, X5366.

GOLF. The Los Angeles District has been invited by the City of Los Angeles Employees Golf Club to participate in a City, County, State and Federal Golf Tournament at Griffith Park on October 18. Any person interested in playing, contact Walter Hopson X5416 or E. H. Miller X5592 before Aug 2, 1968.

TOASTMISTRESS CLUB. Jessica Jacobs attended International Toastmistress Convention in Calgary, Canada as a delegate for LAD Toastmistress club. She reports on the convention when NOONTIMERS meet Sept 6, at 1130 in the cafeteria. Guests are invited. Contact Evelyn Michaud, Rm. 6543, X5580.

NEED FOR SPEAKERS. The Federal Executive Board has requested the Corps to furnish a list of speakers available for speaking engagements. Any one interested in volunteering contact Frank King, Technical Liaison Officer. Ext. 5320



REAL ESTATE DIVISION HI-LITES.

A retirement luncheon for Lou Perry, former Chief of Acquisition Branch was held at 11:30 A.M., Friday, July 19, at Little Joe's Restaurant.

A nitrogen and oxygen plant at Vandenberg AFB, excess to Base requirements, and which normally would cost the Government \$20,000 to \$30,000 to remove, was sold recently for \$77,500. This unusual "disposal of property" was made possible through the efforts of Hal Baker, Chief, Disposal Section, Management and Disposal Branch.

The Luke AFR-Exchange Program is progressing very well. As of this month, 41 owners have made firm selections.

This includes both those who have signed applications as well as those who have agreed to sign. These owners control 71 tracts totalling 4,182 acres. During the week of August 5, District representatives from the Arizona Office will meet with owners.

Real Estate Division welcomes three new additions for the summer. They are George Lebecki, Leasing Section, Alejandra Ramirez, Appraisal Branch, and Frank Sailor, Cadastral Section.

SURVEY AND MAPPING SECTION.

Welcome back to Essie V. Dillon, who has returned to work after being away over 2-1/2 years.

SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATING SECTION.

Ruth Hanby is at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 1100 W. Pacific Highway, Harbor City. She suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident on July 23.

NEW PA SYSTEM AVAILABLE. The District has recently purchased a new portable battery operated public address system. The unit is self contained and weighs approximately 20 pounds. It is available for personnel having conferences and for official speeches. For information contact the Office of Administrative Services.



REPRIMANDS. A change to Civil Service Commission Regulations provides new filing and notice requirements regarding written reprimands. Of primary interest to employees and supervisors is the fact that reprimands are now considered temporary records and will remain in the Official Personnel Folder (201 file) for only three years. After the three-year period has expired, the reprimand will not be referred to or used to support further disciplinary or other adverse action. In addition, the notice of decision to reprimand will inform the employee of the expiration date of the reprimand and that the reprimand will be destroyed upon expiration.

***** Retirees Heard From *****

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A GOOD RULE—
KEEP COOL

Base Yard Answers All Calls

When impossible or improbable assignments come up in day-to-day work of the Los Angeles District the cry goes up, "Call the base yard." The base yard is home for the Maintenance Section of the Operations Branch, Construction Division. Branch Chief is Fred Tatum and the head man at the base yard is Bill Smiddy.

Smiddy's crew is responsible for maintenance and repair on the dams and flood control channels in the LAD. Approximately 60 people man the maintenance section and they include administrative, motor transportation, maintenance and reservoir management units.

Base yard special assignments run from setting up and repairing displays for the Technical Liaison Office to administering and maintaining a fleet of 240 passenger vehicles and 12 pieces of heavy construction and maintenance equipment.

Maintenance employees also manage nine flood control dams and 60 miles of channel. Bill Smiddy said, "Recently we had to fish 11 dead sharks out of the Los Angeles River channel - the biggest was five-feet long. Apparently fishermen bring them home to show the family and neighbors then throw them in the channel."

Base yard personnel also set up facilities for the Engineer Day picnic each year at Legg Lake. No job is too big or too small.

More Recreation Projects Planned

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' flood control reservoirs in Southern California and Arizona provide needed land for recreation development in Southland communities.

The Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers provides approximately 59,156 acres of land for recreational development. Facilities at Alamo, Brea, Hansen, Prado, Salinas, Sepulveda, and Whittier narrows have been partially developed by local government agencies. Golf, tennis, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, equestrian activities, archery and gun ranges, little league baseball, camping, and many other activities are available to the public.

The Federal Government, local government agencies and concessionaires have expended approximately \$9,364,758.00 in capital improvements and over \$14,384,227.00 for operation and maintenance of the existing recreational areas.

The attendance records indicate these facilities are popular. In 1967, 5,124,058 individuals used recreation facilities in LADO Corps projects and over 12,500 permits were issued for group activities.

There are greater things to come and the Corps and local governments are planning more projects. Only 5,000 of 59,156 acres available for recreation have been developed.



CONNELLA SUFFERS HEART ATTACK. Kenneth S. Connella, Survey and Mapping Section, suffered a heart attack June 17 while he was in Casa Grande, Ariz. He is recuperating at his home, 1225 N. Lima St., Burbank, Calif. 91505. Ken's phone is 842-1590.

BASE YARD'S MAINTENANCE SECTION

Bill Smiddy, Chief
Margaret E. Riordan

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L. A. Trevino
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R. B. Cole
M. Thompson
D. L. Cassidy

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION UNIT

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H. W. Edwards

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P. R. Dennington
P. Herrera
R. F. Oddone
F. T. Mazurier
L. L. Patella
M. R. Green
A. W. Contreras
M. A. Hofeldt
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J. R. Pierce
B. Wise
B. T. Brown
L. F. Bouchard
J. J. DiBiase
L. L. Geyer
I. Martinez
R. H. Narcisse
L. A. Perkins
O. L. Phillips
N. Arbuthnot
J. E. Boggs
A. Romero
W. S. Tucker

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C. E. Glass
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M. WhiteBear, Jr.
H. H. Shaw
C. J. Pourier
J. E. Houle
F. L. Curtis
J. F. Wood
C. M. Lundin
H. V. Moore
G. E. Rockwell



NEW OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT REFERRAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED. Department of Defense has announced development of a new Automated Overseas Employment Referral System to assist in filling certain civilian vacancies at overseas installations. Federal career and career-conditional employees and reinstatement eligibles who are interested in a foreign tour of duty in Department of Defense installations will be registered in Defense Supply Agency computers located at the Defense Electronics Supply Center, Dayton, Ohio.

All employees who are interested in overseas employment are encouraged to review the Acceptance List and Positive Recruiting List posted on all Bulletin boards. Registration and further information may be obtained from Mrs. Walcott and Miss Jakimko in the Personnel Office.

OUTSTANDING - SSP. Jean Hilst, Real Estate Division, received Outstanding Performance and Sustained Superior Performance awards at ceremonies July 23.

RALPH WONG IMPROVING. Ralph Wong, Chief of Hydraulics Section, has greatly improved after his recent heart attack and plans to return to work in another six or eight weeks. Ralph sends a greeting to all his friends and would like to thank them for their many good wishes and words of encouragement.

HEART ATTACK HOSPITALIZES GUENTHER IN GERMANY. Herman Guenther, recently retired from Supply Division and now on a trip to Europe, is confined in a West Berlin hospital recovering from a heart attack. He would enjoy hearing from his Corps friends. His address is: St. Getranden Krankenhaus Paretzer Str. 12 Berlin, Germany

CEMBCO AWARDS. Quality Increases were awarded July 25 at CEMBCO headquarters by Colonel Phillip E. Phaneuf, CO, to Voyer J. Watson, Justin O. Young, William T. Jones, and Robert J. Fitz.

THE ART OF PACKAGING. It is a recognized fact that you can have the best product but the poorest sales if the packaging is not appealing to the buyer. It is equally a fact a person can injure their saleability to the "boss," "their co-workers" or "our visitors" if they are careless with their appearance, manners, attitude, interest and speech or writings. It's not vain to look in the mirror periodically and take inventory of how saleable the "package" looks to your "buyer."

How Does a Tsunami Differ From A Tidal Wave?

Tsunami is borrowed from a Japanese word meaning "storm wave." Every now and then, the people who live on shores and islands of the northwest Pacific Ocean experience unexpected floods sweeping in from the sea. These waves are unrelated to the normal daily tides that wash up and down on the beaches at schedule times. Hence they deserve a special name of their own. At scheduled times of the month or year certain extra high tides tend to sweep over the land far beyond their usual limits. These fellows are classified as true tidal waves.

A tsunami has nothing to do with the moon-caused ocean tides, even the extra high tidal waves of certain seasons. It is caused by some devastating upheaval in the floor of the ocean, often thousands of miles from land. The cause may be a shuddering undersea earthquake or the violent eruption of a volcano on the seabed, perhaps more than three miles below the waves. This underwater upset displaces great masses of ocean water and sends it heaving and rocking outward in all directions. When it reaches a shore, the mighty mass of heaving water rushes inland as a flooding tsunami.

from the.....Santa Maria Times

Captain Thomas J. Hayes IV

HEADQUARTERS, THIRD U.S. ARMY, Fort McPherson, Ga. -- Captain Thomas J. Hayes IV has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star and First Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action; the Bronze Star Medal for heroism with First through Third Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Medal with First through Fourth Oak Leaf Clusters, the First Cluster for heroism; the Army Commendation Medal with First and Second Oak Leaf Clusters, the Second Cluster for heroism; and the Purple Heart.

Captain Hayes, son of Major General Thomas J. Hayes III, South Atlantic Division Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Mrs. Hayes, was killed in combat in the Republic of Vietnam on April 17, 1968.

Captain Hayes was an Engineer Officer who first served with the 1st Engineer Battalion and then volunteered to serve as a platoon leader with the Air Cavalry Troop of the "Big Red One" -- 1st Infantry Division.

He was an honor graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, Class of 1966, finishing ninth in a class of 579. There he was the Brigade Adjutant and Chairman of the Honor Committee. He was the third generation to graduate from West Point, his father graduating with the Class of 1936 and his grandfather, the late Major General Thomas J. Hayes, with the Class of 1912.

Other decorations awarded to Captain Hayes prior to his death include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

In addition to his parents and sisters, Mary Helen and Barbara Jean, all of Fort McPherson, Ga., Captain Hayes is survived by his grandparents, Colonel and Mrs. T. A. Pedley of Denver, Colorado; and his grandmother, Mrs. Thomas J. Hayes of Falls Church, Va.



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