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CORPS AND L.A. COUNTY STUDY EMERGENCY READINESS

Frank G. Bonelli, Chairman of the L. A. County Board of Supervisors and Colonel Norman E. Pehrson, District Engineer, signed a contract the first of August for a study to determine feasibility and cost of a community shelter plan. The plan would cover county area and the 76 cities within its boundaries. The plan would include information for residents on what to do in event of national disaster.

The County Regional Planning Commission will work on the study with Systems Development Corporation as consultants. LAD's Civil Defense Unit has surveyed large buildings to determine which facilities could serve as public shelters. Some could be used as public shelters under Office of Civil Defense regulations.

LAD will monitor the study which is expected to be completed in eight months. The OCD will be furnished a report and a recommendation for a Community Shelter Plan.

According to the California State Disaster Office, the contract is one of the first in the nation for a seven million populated county.

The study project is a result of efforts of city, county, state and federal officials concerned with public protection. Using existing buildings could eliminate requirements for construction of some new shelters. This plan could result in substantial construction savings.

Saugus-Newhall Plan Presented

A public hearing was held Monday evening in Saugus dealing with a proposed plan for the control of floods in the Newhall-Saugus area. LAD presented a flood control plan for 28.7 miles of streams in a portion of the Santa Clara River basin.

Colonel James Irvine, Jr., Western Area Office Engineer, presided the hearing for Col. Pehrson who was attending a meeting in Washington, D. C.

Col. Irvine was Acting DE August 12 - 14 during Colonel Pehrson's absence.

Supply Division Goes International

Supply Division personnel have been busy during recent months in support of overseas projects. About 70,000 tons of material have been shipped in the past year to Ching Chuan Kang Air Base, Taiwan. This project has required close coordination by Lillian Kazarian, Louis Gullickson and Chuck Leetch to purchase, schedule, expedite and arrange air lift transportation. The latter are made in a supply and transportation system of priorities and have required continuity of contacts with AFPAC Honolulu, AFRCE Far East, Air Logistic Control, Oakland, MATS McChord and AF bases across the CONUS. Recently, Supply has been active in rushing critically required items to AF hospitals in Thailand and Vietnam. Supply has Olav Ovregaard, Naval Architect, on TDY in Japan coordinating construction of offshore fuel transfer buoy. The buoy will be towed to Taiwan and Olav will coordinate installation. Mason McGrew of Construction Division was COR designated by District Engineer, Okinawa for shop drawing review on the buoy. For several years, Supply has been the CONUS point of contact for Mediterranean Division, Leghorn, Italy, for flow of information between MED and its Los Angeles area contractors offices. Supply Division was commended by the Division Engineer for contributing to maintaining cooperation of the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Surf's Up!

LADO MOVES FAST ON NEWPORT BEACH EMERGENCY JOB. High tides and surf again washed away beach sand at Newport Beach and endangered homes in the 40th and 43rd Street section. The LAD's experimental groin is located at 40th Street and waters eroded the sand back to the base of the structure.

Coastal Engineering and Construction people moved on the incident immediately and reserve funds were used to start a job hauling rock and sand into the trouble area.

High tides started Aug. 4 and remained troublesome thru the following night. On Tuesday heavy equipment was mobilized at the scene. Trucks started to haul in rock-fill and dozers were working in sand and surf late Wednesday and Thursday. Work was completed and the high tide danger subsided over last weekend.

LADO has been working hard getting underway for more comprehensive work at Newport in the next few months. The contract for over \$200,000 is expected to be up for bid around the end of August. The new work will entail building another groin and placing more sand on the beaches.



ESSAYONS - CE Motto
"Let Us Try"

INTRODUCING

Colonel James Irvine, Jr., Area Engineer, Western Area Office, headquartered at Vandenberg Air Force Base, came to the Los Angeles District from U. S. Army, Alaska, where he served as Deputy Engineer.

Col. Irvine's military career as an engineer officer began in WW II where he served in both the European and Pacific theaters. He returned from the Pacific for special assignment to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, an outgrowth of the Manhattan Project by which Army Engineers developed the first atomic bomb.

Following this assignment, Col. Irvine was one of 10 officers selected for special study in nuclear physics at Los Alamos and was one of two selected to establish a laboratory for surveillance of nuclear components.

Col. Irvine attended the University of California at Los Angeles from 1938 to 1941 when he was appointed to the United States Military Academy graduating in 1944. In 1950 he was assigned to the University of California at Berkeley to study toward a Masters degree in Civil Engineering, but was recalled at the outbreak of the Korean war to command a training battalion at the Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. He returned to Berkeley in 1951 to complete his Masters degree.

He received the Army Commendation Medal for his activities as Deputy Engineer, U. S. Army, Alaska, including actions during the aftermath of the Alaskan earthquake.

A native of Arizona, Col. Irvine graduated from high school in Peoria, Arizona. He is an active sportsman and during his Alaskan tour, was president of Chapter 355, National Sojourners and president of the Chugach Rod and Gun Club at Fort Richardson.

Colonel Irvine is married to the former Mildred Jones of Los Angeles. They have five children Diane, Gail, Eileen, Sherry and James III. Diane is a student at the University of Calgary, Canada, studying for her Masters in physics.

SAFETY BELTS SAVE LIVES. Safety belts are now available to about two-thirds of all passenger car occupants, but the belts are being used only on the average of about 40 percent of the time. As a consequence, the net usage figure—the percent of all exposure hours during which passenger car occupants are using belts—is estimated to be only about 25 percent.

Current information on the value of safety belts for saving lives indicates that if all passenger car occupants used belts at all times, such use would save 8000 to 10,000 lives annually. These figures, coupled with the current use figures, indicates that safety belts saved about 2,000 to 2,500 lives in 1967. (National Safety Council).

MAJOR GENERALS - CE. Four CE officers serving in the grade of brigadier general were among those recently nominated by President Johnson for promotion to major general. Nominated were: Andrew P. Rollins, Jr., William T. Bradley; Willard Roper and Francis P. Koisch. (NOTE: As of August 1, "Colonel" William T. Bradley, Los Angeles District Engineer from 1960 to 1963 was promoted to two-star rank.)

DEATH COMES FOR SF-57. A new forms family was introduced on July 1 for use in Federal employment applications. SF-170 and SF-171 are the basic forms in this new family. SF-170 is short and easy to complete; it provides only enough information about an applicant for a Federal employer to decide whether he is interested in receiving more detailed information. If the employer is interested in a particular applicant, and has a vacancy, he asks for SF-171, which is basically the same as the old SF-57.

SF-171 contains changes and improvements to SF-57. For Civil Service examinations, SF-171 will be used. It provides the detail needed to rate a person's qualifications. Similarly, SF-171 will be required before a person can be appointed to a position.

New application forms are available in Personnel Office.

Details Shortened. Civil Service Commission has asked for reappraisal of agency practices concerning details. When long details are to higher-grade jobs, they are frequently unfair. Occasionally the appointee does not receive appropriate pay. When the detail is not properly recorded, it may be difficult for the employee to obtain promotion credit. If promotion action is finally taken, other employees usually are at a disadvantage. CSC has reduced from six to four months the time an employee may be detailed to any other job without prior approval. Offices may not grant agency requests for extension of details beyond four months. Agencies must show the detail is the only practical means of getting necessary work done and employee equity will not be affected adversely.

Photog Takes To Sea

Harry Hubbard, Reproduction Branch, may spend most of his working time in the dark (darkroom, that is) but he really comes up for air on weekends.

Harry realized a life long dream when he launched his new boat SEAESSENCE last April. With no previous boat building experience, he started building his own trimaran sloop in November 1965. He worked alone on weekends and in his spare time, and built the craft at the Trimaran Design Center in Venice. Harry says his interest in boat building stems from the frustration of fighting freeway traffic and an effort to relieve the experiences he had in his teens when he stowed away on a liner bound for Hawaii. The three-hulled boat sleeps five persons and is complete with galley, head, dressing room and shower. Its overall length is 34 feet, water level length 30 feet, beam 20 feet and a draft of 30 inches. She is capable, under sail, of speeds in excess of 20 knots. The fastest Harry has sailed is 11 knots. The boat is constructed of three-eighths marine plywood and fiberglass skin with spruce bulkheads. She carries about 500 feet of working sail.

Harry says he used 200 yards of 50 inch wide fiber glass cloth and 85 gallons of resin. He estimates materials cost between \$7500 and \$8000. The same boat, factory built, costs around \$20,000.

Harry is still fighting traffic - marine type - sailing in and out of marinas these summer days.



TAX BITE FELT TODAY. The new surcharge on individual income tax withholding rates is now being withheld from salary earned. Rates in the withholding tables reflect a 10% increase to the present withholding tax. The new income tax applies to wages earned after April 1, 1968; therefore, the effective annual rate is 7.5% for calendar year 1968 ($9/12 \times 10\% = 7.5\%$). Since withholdings for 1968 will be for only about six months, there is a strong possibility that adequate deductions are not reflected in the tables. Because of this, some employees may wish to increase voluntarily their income tax withholdings by changing to a lesser number of exemptions; for example, from one exemption to 0 exemptions and/or requesting an additional sum of money be withheld each pay period. Forms W-4 to change your withholdings may be obtained from any of the Personnel Clerks in Room 6213.

NEW ORDER PERMITS FEDERAL "MOONLIGHTING." On April 25, the President signed Executive Order No. 11408. This Executive Order revoked an Executive Order of January 17, 1893, and another of August 4, 1943, and as a result: Federal employees no longer are prohibited from holding second jobs with state or local governments. Such employment will be banned only if it is 'incompatible' with his Federal job.

Employees no longer are prohibited from helping to prepare others to take Civil Service examinations. This activity will be banned in the future only if the employee conveys 'special or secret' information which would give unfair advantage to his pupil.

VANDENBERG HI-LITES. The annual Engineer Day picnic was held August 2, at Newlove picnic grounds in Santa Maria. 116 employees and their families attended. Dan and Lou Gee, Western Area Office retired travelers, joined the festivities.

Col. James Irvine, Jr., presented performance awards to John Sheehey, III, Don Baer, and Voyer Watson with service pin to Hal Morgan.

Events included softball, volleyball, horseshoes, childrens' games, egg-throwing contests and a catered Santa Maria type barbeque. The best sore-muscle producer was the softball game won by the Construction-Admin team over the Residencies by an 11 to 10 score. The only casualties were one cut finger and a finger jab in an eye.

SMOKE SIGNALS. Corps of Engineers learned who spread rumors that Kinzua Dam on the Allegheny River in Warren, Pa., was collapsing. Late last week, a medicine man from the Seneca Indian Reservation, which is partially flooded by the reservoir, was spotted putting a spell on the structure. The two year old dam, says the Corps, is perfectly sound.



REACHES MILESTONE. Bob LaMori, Chief, Reproduction Branch, started his 31st year with the Corps on August 8.



U.S. Savings Bonds,
New Freedom Shares

Historian Assigned To TLO

Dr. Anthony F. Turhollow, Chairman of the History Department at Loyola University, has been assigned to the Technical Liaison Office to compile the history of the Los Angeles District. Dr. Turhollow, a combat engineer veteran of WW II, will be with TLO on a part-time basis. Since the first Corps project in California was the San Diego harbor in 1852, he has a job to do.

He was born in New York but is now a Californian having received his Ph.D from the University of California (Berkeley) in 1955. Since 1953, he has been a professor of history and Chairman of the History Department at Loyola. During the academic year of 1960-61, he was a Fullbright Lecturer on American History in India.

During WW II, he served in the South Pacific with the Corps of Engineers and visited such exotic places as New Hebrides, Munda, New Georgia, and other Islands. One of his fellow officers during WW II was Sid Levenson of LAD's Engineering Division.

Dr. Turhollow will be with the TLO full time during the month of August and one day a week during the school year. He has requested that anyone with information or documents on the history of this District contact him at the TLO office, Ext 5320.



INCENTIVE AWARDS

George F. Arndt	Outstanding Performance Quality Increase
Bessie F. Nonaka	Outstanding Performance
Paul C. Berger	Special Act (Cost Reduction-Value Engineering)
Nellie J. Alexander	Quality Increase
Specs & Est Section Engineering Div	Special Act Group Award
Raymond V. Hurle	Special Act (Cost Reduction-Value Engineering)
Sidney Levenson) Earl G. Caldwell)	Special Act
Emma E. Moore	Outstanding Performance SSP
Sidney Chiriqui	Certificate of Completion Defense Procurement Course

Let Your Editor Know

Our next issue will be coming out on Wednesday, August 28. All articles should be turned in to TLO NO LATER THAN NOON, August 22. News on projects, award of contracts, and LAD activities requested. Please send news items to Eleanor McCarthy, Editor, Room 6124.

LAD TAKES TO TV. LAD's emergency work at Newport Beach was featured last Sunday night on Channel 13 - KCOP. Merle Gould, Reproduction Branch, filmed the segment which covered rock and sand placing operations on eroded beach fronts at Newport.

NEXT TIME TRY THE CREDIT UNION. Do you know that your Credit Union was organized in 1942 and has grown steadily until now about two-thirds of the District's personnel are members? Mr. Melvin Irvin, Treasurer, is available to discuss your financial needs Monday through Fridays in Room 6647. The Credit Union accepts deposits on which a return of 5.25% was paid in dividends last January. Loans are available to qualified employees. Pick up a brochure from the Credit Union office, Room 6647.

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ACTIVITIES

CHANNELS SECTION. Robert Uchida, UCLA graduate, recently joined the Section as a trainee.

Bette Bloodworth is vacationing in Albany, Texas, with her husband, Joe, who is combining vacation with two weeks military duty at Vicksburg, Miss.....George Davis spent a week house painting in Torrance.

Ted Manke, son of Henry Manke, returns on August 15 after a year's tour of duty in Vietnam.

Kermit Lee writes from Amsterdam, a stop on his European trip.

COMPTROLLER NOTES. Congratulations to George Foerst, Chief, F&A, on the birth of his first grandchild. His daughter, Mrs. Georgina McGivern, welcomed Kathleen Mary, August 7.

Welcome aboard to Mr. Masao Sugano who returns to the District as Chief, Management Analysis Branch after an 11 year absence. Mr. Sugano comes to the District from L. A. Procurement Agency, Pasadena.

REAL ESTATE DIVISION. Last month, Mrs. Jewell Fiddler enjoyed a visit with her son, Kenneth, just returned from Vietnam. He was stationed at Beinh Hoa Air Base, assigned to Special Task Force, REDHORSE, 823rd Civil Engr Sqdn, near Saigon. He is rejoining his regular station at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

SURVEY & MAPPING MEMOS. Congratulations to Fred Nelson and his wife, Janet, on the birth of Douglas, now a week old.

Vacation notes: Ernie Digneo has been enjoying Santa Cruz.....meanwhile Walt Hopson has been sitting in for Ernie.....Golfing occupied Clarence Williams.....Francis Malone is fishing in Vancouver.

Welcome to our new employee, Fred Baldonado... and best wishes to Ray Calderon who is leaving to join JPL and to Willie Hightower who is leaving for a year's study at Otis Art Institute.

MOTTO-OF-THE-MONTH

Do it tomorrow.
You've made enough mistakes today.

N.F.F.E. The following were elected as delegates to represent Local 777 at the National Convention to be held in St. Louis on September 9: Verne Swank, Charles Wright and Bob Weber #1. This month we welcome 25 new members into the Local. Plan to attend our next regular meeting, August 20, 12:00 noon, Bid Room. ALL EMPLOYEES INVITED.

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