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## Butler, Waldo departing LAD for new assignments; Jackson retiring

by Ely U. Orias

Newscastle Editor

The top three uniformed officers in the Los Angeles District are departing—two for new Corps assignments and the 3rd for a new career in private industry.

All three—Col. Fred Butler, Lt.Col. Norman Jackson, and Lt.Col. Dan Waldo—are civil engineers and have had overlapping years of service with the L.A. District.

### Col. Butler

Butler, the District commander for the past three years, will relinquish command of LAD to Col. Takahiko Ono a day prior to his July 11 departure for Winchester, Va., where he'll

assume command of the Middle East/Africa Project Office (MEAPO).

MEAPO, formerly the Corps' Middle East Division (MED), has been aligned as a District-level element of

the South Atlantic Division (SAD). It has at this time 250 employees in the Winchester location and an equal number of employees in field offices overseas. Its workforce is growing in

size to keep up with new projects having to do with the modernization of Saudi Arabia's military logistics system and Egypt's land, sea, and air forces facilities.

Butler is a native of Woodstock, Va., approximately 10 miles from Winchester—MEAPO's headquarters.

### Lt.Col. Waldo

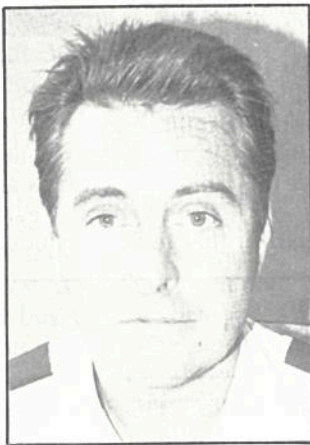
Waldo, the District deputy commander for military works the past 16 months, leaves July 11 and heads for the Naval War College at Providence, R.I. He is not switching allegiance to the Navy; he'll be there as a student for a year.

"I'm looking forward to this assignment," Waldo said. "The five U.S. armed forces colleges mix their enroll-

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Col. Butler



Lt. Col. Waldo



Lt. Col. Jackson

## Ono named to succeed Butler as LAD commander

Col. Takahiko (Tad) Ono has been selected by Lt.Gen. E.R. Heiberg III, Chief of Engineers, to be the next and 50th Los Angeles District Commander, succeeding Col. Fred Butler.

Ono is currently assigned to Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C., as assistant director of civil works for the Pacific Area.

Born in Tokyo in 1942 of a Japanese father and a Japanese-American mother whose birthplace is Los Angeles, Tad Ono came to the United States to live at age 12.

He and his wife Hiroko

(Hiro) have three teenage daughters. Mrs. Ono likes to draw and paint (pastel and Sumi-e) and Ono likes to jog and ski and play golf and tennis. They consider New York City and Virginia their homes.

Ono is a 1965 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois. He also is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Japan's National Institute

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Col. Ono

## 3% pay raise okayed; COLAs still in doubt

A revised fiscal '88 budget resolution authorizing a January 1988 3% pay hike for federal employees has been approved by the Senate. Previous Senate budget committee proposals would have clamped increases at 2% in each of the next four years.

Two months ago, the House endorsed the 3% increase—thus removing the pay raise as an issue when House and Senate conferees meet to combine the two bills into a single legislation.

As neither legislative body has gone along with a Reagan administration proposal to permanently limit COLAs to inflation minus 1%, full '88 cost-of-living adjustments for civil service annuitants appear to be safe thus far. Budget aides, however, cautioned that with a yearly pricetag of more than \$46 billion, federal COLAs will not be in the clear until the appropriation process is completed later this year.

The budget aides added that the revised Senate budget also casts aside budget committee recommendations to delay within-grade pay increases through fiscal '88 and cut off funding for the new lump sum annuity benefit established last June.

## GAO says . . .

### Low pay makes engineer recruiting tough

Low salaries are making recruitment for engineers and scientists "very difficult," according to a recent GAO report.

But there is less of a problem in retaining employees, the report added. For example, the Defense Department said that while it was becoming more difficult to retain engineers and its losses involve some of the better performers among all its employees, the quit rate in government is quite low.

Factors other than pay were noted by GAO as affecting turnover among government employees. GAO said that some of the reasons given for holding down federal turnover were the lack of portability of civil service retirement benefits, the fact that government workers tend to be older, nature of work,

geographic location, and promotion opportunities.

GAO figures showed that federal engineers had a 3.3% quit rate, even though their pay trailed private industry salaries by as much as 46%.

Chemists had the largest overall pay gap with the private sector (27.9 to 50.7%), yet they had a 2.3% quit rate compared to 5.2% quit rate for "all" general schedule (GS) employees.

Clerk typists with a pay gap of 10.1 to 11.1% had the highest turnover at 13.8%, the report indicated, and the next highest quit rate was for secretaries with only a pay gap of 4 to 9.3%.

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## SOHO issues space heaters safety alert

The L.A. District Safety & Occupational Health Office (SOHO) has received a safety alert concerning damaged space heaters manufactured by King Electrical, Model KPF 230 bearing Federal Stock No. 4520-00-540-2038.

The blower motor of the forced-air heater, according to the alert, is not properly secured to the heater frame. During shipment, storage, handling and use, the motor eventually become loose and the unit's electrical contacts get damaged easily and produce electrical shock hazard.

The alert has prompted the District's SOHO to ask LAD personnel who own or use the damaged heaters to remove them from service.



# Perspective

## The Word . . . by Col. Fred Butler

New era of doing business

We in the Corps of Engineers are entering into a new era and a different way of doing business. With the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and the introduction of cost-sharing, we now find ourselves partners with our local sponsors as we develop water resources and navigation projects. With the advent of the cost-sharing of these efforts, each and every one of us must be more conscious of just what it costs us to do business if we are to remain competitive.

The Los Angeles District has been a leader in innovation throughout the Corps for a number of years. We currently have at least five cost-shared studies in progress and to date we have done a reasonable job of staying within budget and on schedule. In the future, though, I believe we must do better.

I would ask each and every one of our employees to be very sensitive to what it costs us to do business and

to do everything possible to keep that cost as low as possible. We must remain competitive with other engineering organizations if we expect to have the type of dynamic and growing water resources program that we currently enjoy.

On another subject, I would like to take a couple of minutes to especially commend two individuals who have made a significant impact on our military construction program.

Each month I sit down with our construction managers and the Chief of Con-Ops and review the execution of our current fiscal year construction program. A part of that review includes the status of



Col. Butler  
LAD commander

design for projects which we hope to get underway during the current fiscal year. Greg Shulz provides us that information and is our liaison officer to the Sacramento District. Greg has done a fantastic job in not only keeping us advised of the status of design but in assuring that bidability, constructibility comments are incorporated into the final design package.

We in Los Angeles owe Greg a bit of gratitude for a job superbly done.

One of our largest military construction programs this year is at Luke AFB. Our resident engineer there is Terry Buckley who has done a superhuman job in ensuring that the work which is currently under construction is done right.

Terry enjoys a superb reputation not only with our customers but with the contractors who are doing the work. I want to take this opportunity to personally commend Terry and his folks for the outstanding job which they are doing.

## Letter to the Commander

'All the best to you...'

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE  
ARMY  
Washington, D.C.

April 15, 1987

Colonel D. Fred Butler  
Commander, L.A. District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Fred:

I have accepted the position of Associate  
Director for Natural Resources, Energy and  
Science at the Office of Management and Budget,

effective May 4, 1987. This was the most difficult career decision my wife and I have ever had to make, in large part because of our enjoyment of and commitment to our work together.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve the President and the Nation in a broader way, especially since I will still be very much involved in the Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program in my new position.

Based on over six years in this office, I believe the Army Corps of Engineers has some of the finest public servants in the world—people who give me great confidence that our important mission of developing water resources will be accomplished in the same fine fashion that the Corps

has done for over 200 years.

I leave as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works assured by the realization that I will always be proud of being a part of the Army Corps of Engineers and that I will always count among my friends some of the finest people I will ever meet.

All the best to you and the fine people of the L.A. District. I've enjoyed my visits there and I've admired your courage and effectiveness.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Dawson  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
(Civil Works)

## Chief's Engineer Day message

Corps' constitutional origins

This year commemorates one of the most important events in our nation's history, the signing of the United States Constitution.

We, as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, were born in our War for Independence. But it was in the Constitution that our mission was solidified by the creation of a strong natural government. Our missions, including both defense and water resources, derive from that magnificent document written and signed 200 years ago in Philadelphia.

In fact, it was a dispute over water resources that led to the Constitutional Convention. The states of Maryland and Virginia disagreed over the development and use of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Under the Articles of Confederation, Congress had no authority to step in and regulate trade among the states.

Virginia's James Madison organized a conference which met at Mount Vernon in 1785. The resulting "Mount Vernon Compact" settled the issue of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Before they left, however, the participants recommended another con-

ference with an expanded agenda be held with representatives from other states.

The next meeting opened in Annapolis, Md. in September 1786 with Delaware's John Dickinson as chairman. The delegates quickly realized that the issue of trade regulation could not be separated from larger issues. On Feb. 21, 1787, the "Annapolis Convention" called for another convention to meet in Philadelphia the 2nd Monday in May to strengthen the Articles of Confederation. The result the Articles were put to rest, and the United States Constitution, a strong central government and the multiple missions of the Corps of Engineers were born.

We have another reason to celebrate this year. The passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 has given us the kind of work to do that would



Lt. Gen. Heiberg  
Chief of Engineers

have made our founding fathers from Virginia and Maryland proud. It allows us to develop water resources never dreamed of 200 years ago. While two states squabbled over the Chesapeake Bay, vast resources lay to the west waiting to be discovered.

The new law authorizes more than \$15 billion in new work and includes nearly 400 projects and planning studies. More significant than this "shopping list" of projects, the new law establishes cost sharing requirements and user fees that guarantee an enlarged role by non-federal interests in planning, financing, and maintaining Corps projects. This will help insure the wise development of our water resources for generations to come.

On another front mandated by the Constitution, "Defense," we also have reason to celebrate. The M-9 Armored Combat Earthmover is in production at BMJ in New York, Pa. Some 25 years after conception, seven early production models were delivered last year to Fort Ord to support certification of the 7th Infantry Division. We expect to receive 566 ACEs over the next five years. This piece of equipment and

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SADBU

# Alice Tafoya

by Susan Kranzler

He was 4th in a long line of people waiting to talk with her, but Alice Tafoya knew from the faded overalls he wore and the look of depression on his face that the man needed help. "My chickens are all dying," he blurted out when he finally reached her, "and I want to know what you're going to do about it."

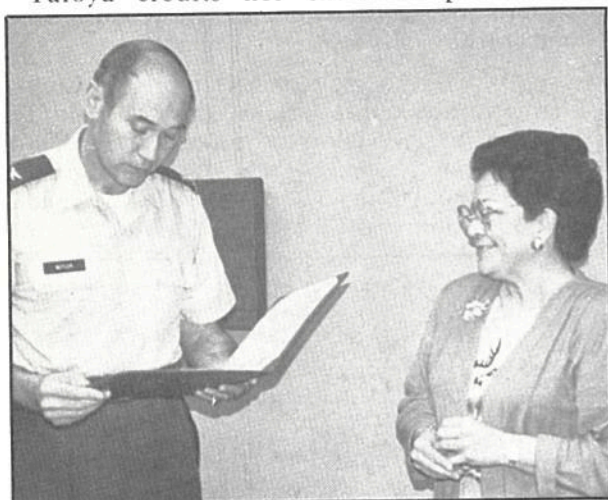
Tafoya, who at the time was with the U.S. Forest Service's Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (SADBU), didn't know anything at all about chicken diseases, but she knew how to find help for the distressed farmer. She also knew that the SADBU specialist was often the one link small business owners had with large federal agencies, and she was determined to make the contact a productive one.

Years later, talking about how the referral she provided at the Department of Agriculture helped save the farmer's chickens, Tafoya seems to relish having been able to solve the problem. "I've always been concerned about other people," she says by way of explaining her present role as SADBU specialist with LAD. "My pleasure comes from serving others."

Early on, Tafoya decided that a career in business seemed the best way to satisfy that need. A native of Albuquerque, Tafoya received her degree in business administration from the University of New Mexico.

Her husband, Al Tafoya, wanted to pursue an entertainment career which led the couple to move to the Los Angeles area. Alice joined the U.S. Forest Service, first as contracting officer and later as a SADBU specialist within that agency. Husband Al has become a network television announcer with ABC as well as a freelance film actor.

Tafoya credits her extensive procurement



Col. Fred Butler, District commander, presents Tafoya with Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

background with her success as a "SADBU." After 17 years with the Forest Service, she joined Los Angeles District in March of '84. Her initial position with LAD called upon her full range of skills in procurement analysis, but the growing requirements of the SADBU office soon made it apparent that Tafoya would need to devote 100% of her energies to identifying, advising, and assisting the growing small business community.

## SADBU — no small potatoes

To understand the importance of the SADBU office, it helps to know that the SADBU specialist is an appointed position filled by the Division Engineer at SPD. In the chain of command, Tafoya reports directly to Col. Fred Butler, District commander, who is in turn responsible for seeing that the District meets its goals as mandated by Congress. Since 1978, Congress has required that each federal agency have a Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office to make certain that small companies receive a fair share of government contracts.

But as Tafoya is quick to point out, "Small business is not *small* business. In heavy construction, we're talking about an average annual income of \$17 million for the preceding three years. That isn't exactly your average Mom and Pop store," she declares.

## Misconceptions about preferences

The Small Business Administration (SBA) sets the standards that the SADBU specialist follows for determining which firms can qualify for the various preferential contracting programs. Some of those programs have generated controversy among the public.

The Small Business Set Aside Program requires federal agencies to limit competition on certain contracts so that small firms don't have to compete with large ones for the same jobs. A considerable number of LAD projects (between 80-85%) fall within this category.

Naturally, Tafoya points out, larger businesses want a piece of the action, as do women (and ethnic or minority groups) who are not considered to be either economically or socially disadvantaged, but who perceive themselves as having undergone deprivation. Tafoya dislikes having to exclude hardworking business people from the bidding process, and insists she looks forward to the day the SADBU office will be put out of business "because when that happens, it'll mean that small businesses are getting their fair share."

## Small Business big business for U.S.

Quoting statistics which show that 90% of the

# Working Profile



Tafoya

businesses in the United States are small businesses, employing almost 50% of the nation's workforce and providing 35% of the Gross National Product, Tafoya says, "It's good business to support small business."

Her strong belief in the importance of the SADBU Program paid off for Alice Tafoya last December when she received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. The special citation noted her outstanding performance in the management and execution of the FY'86 small business program in the Los Angeles District. In addition to meeting and exceeding the District's SADBU Program goals, Tafoya's efforts were credited with encouraging "high visibility...added interest and participation in the District's SBA program ... and a positive image of the District ..."

Nothing illustrates these qualities more than the anecdotes Tafoya enjoys relating about the variety of people who appear in her office regularly, unaware — or indifferent to the type of work the Corps does, and absolutely intent on selling their products.

"I was in a meeting one morning," Tafoya recalls, "when a woman marched into my office and began setting up little porcelain trinkets all over my desk. When I came back, the woman proceeded to explain to me why she qualified as a small business vendor, the history of her company, the prices of every flower bowl, ashtray and penholder, and then she looked me right in the eye and asked, 'How many do you want?'"

Tafoya laughs delightedly as she relates the story. "They were nice things, but nothing we could possibly buy here at the Corps. Fortunately, I was able to put her in touch with one of the military commissaries. The woman was just so thrilled!" Tafoya's face assumes a mock sternness, but it's impossible for her to keep the twinkle out of her eye. Then I looked at this lady and said, "Now do you mind getting your trinkets off my desk?"

## Takahiko (Tad) Ono...

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for Defense Studies.

The 45-year-old colonel has had extensive troop-leading experience in combat engineer units in Germany, Vietnam, Korea, and the U.S. His Korean tour of duty culminated with an assignment aboard the 2nd Engineer Battalion (2nd Infantry Division) as its commander. Ono also served as project engineer and deputy engineer for the Corps' Japan District, Pacific Ocean Division.

His most recent staff assignments include duty as staff officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; assistant to the director of the Army Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army; and Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army Japan.

Among his military decorations are two Silver Stars, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, four Meritorious Service Medals, and Army Commendation Medal.

## Wammack named SPD 'Planner of the Year'

A Los Angeles District employee has been presented the 1986 South Pacific Division "Planner of the Year Award."

Byrt M. Wammack of Planning Section B accepted the award (plaque) from Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, SPD commander, at the May 11-12 Commander's Spring Conference in San Mateo, Calif.

Wammack was honored for "extraordinary efforts" he made in response to the flooding problem of Clifton, Ariz.

Inscribed on the plaque was the following citation:



Wammack

Photo by Ely U. Orías

"Mr. Wammack's flexibility in project development, sensitivity to public feelings, and diligence in working with local interests went beyond his formal responsibilities, and epitomizes the Corps of Engineers' image as a responsive, service-oriented organization with a commitment to public participation and interagency coordination."

Wammack is an alumnus of the University of Washington with a degree in anthropology. He joined the Corps in 1979 as a technician, becoming assistant project manager in 1983 and project manager in 1985.

The SPD planner of the year is currently LAD Planning Section B's project manager for community development.

"Politics has got so expensive that it takes a lot of money even to get beat with." — Will Rogers



# District Shorts

## Carrie Hill is May PRIDE awardee



Hill

Photo by Joe Luna

Coastal Resources Branch's Carrie Hill is the PRIDE Award recipient for May.

The program analyst has been recognized for "...substituting for the administrative officer of Planning Division, supporting the Personnel Office, and accomplishing her own work in CRB."

She also has been recognized for establishing a new PR&A system and format for Planning Division. The system's implementation required Hill to work with all three Division branches and project managers, and work she did in a professional and enthusiastic manner."

The citation further stated that Hill accomplished numerous tasks under tight time constraints and is very successful in completing assignments.

"She is most deserving of this award," the citation concluded.

## Fullerton assumes LAD comptrollership



Photo by Ely U. Orias

Fullerton

John F. Fullerton is the new chief of LAD's Resources Management Office, succeeding on May 13 Morris Sheklow who held the job in an acting capacity for almost a year.

Sheklow went back to his old job as chief of the District's Internal Review Office.

Fullerton came to LADO from OCE's F&A Quality Assurance Branch in Huntsville, Ala., where he was an accountant for two years. Prior to his Huntsville assignment, Fullerton spent three years with the Corps' European Division in Germany as chief of management and audit.

He has been with different federal agencies for 26 years, six of which with the Corps of Engineers.

"I'm glad to be here and looking forward to a long association with the Los Angeles District," Fullerton said.

Fullerton and his wife Ruthie are natives of Washington state. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

The new comptroller is a graduate of Evergreen College in Olympia, Wash., with a business administration degree (accounting major). He also finished graduate work in computer science at Centralia College in Centralia, Wash.

## District PAO

## Hawthorne goes back to college

Larry Hawthorne, Public Affairs chief, has departed the Los Angeles District to attend long-term training and then on to a 3-year tour as PAO with the European Division, headquartered in Frankfurt.

Hawthorne, who will first spend the next three months attending the Army's Public Affairs Advanced Course at the University of South Carolina, said he has enjoyed working with members of the Los Angeles District and that he is happy to remain with the Corps of Engineers overseas.

Hawthorne holds a journalism degree from Cal State L.A.

Having returned to the Los Angeles District once before after a European tour (1982-85), Hawthorne cautioned his successor on making long-term plans or purchasing any slow-growing

office plants. "I'll be back," he said. "You can bet on it."

At the SPD Commander's Spring Conference last month in San Mateo, Calif., Hawthorne received the Chief of Engineers' Golden Quill Award for "...excellence in newswriting." Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, SPD commander, presented to Hawthorne two Golden Quill plaques representing the years '85 and '86.

And during a LADO staff meeting last March, Hawthorne was commended for his "exceptional performance" and then granted a sustained superior performance award for the period Sept. 15, 1985 through Dec. 31, 1986.

"Hawthorne," the citation stated, "has excelled as the L.A. District's public affairs officer, (and his) potential, ambition, enthusiasm, and journalistic abilities mark him as one of the best."—euo

## Chief's message . . .

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others will help our soldier-engineers keep up with the new light division combat troops, as well as our heavier divisions.

Along that line, the Sapper Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood is continuing to produce savvy, combat-ready engineers.

Over 200 years ago, soldiers from the Corps of Engineers proved themselves on the battlefield. They were key to the victory at Yorktown. Exactly 200 years ago, our missions were written into the central law of the land. Today, we continue to serve and defend our country as we look to its future.

## Corps Picnic '87 at Santa Fe Dam

As a general rule, picnics are outdoor affairs involving togetherness of family members and friends. Ditto for the annual Engineer Day Picnic!

As in past years, the District's picnic committee this year encourages employees to bring their spouses, other relatives and friends along to the June 26 Engineer Day festivities at the Santa Fe Dam.

The committee has scheduled numerous activities. For children 3 to 7 years old, there will be 3-legged races, toddler races, ball toss, and pin-the-needle on the donkey. For children 8 to 12 years old, there will be a tug-o-war, relay races, 3-legged races, gunny sack races, and pin-the-tail on the donkey contest.

For adults, the committee will conduct a bikini contest, a legs contest under best and ugliest categories, a 5K run, softball and volleyball games, canoe races and other water sports.

And those who bought raffle tickets may end up with the 1st price Jamaica trip, or the 2nd price VCR, or the 3rd

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File photo

### SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA

Map labels include: VINDALE, Foothill FWY, SAN GABRIEL RIVER, DAM, SAN GABRIEL RIVER FWY, ARROW HWY., BALDWIN PARK, and SAN GABRIEL RIVER.

MAP NO.	NAME
①	GROUP PICNIC AREA
②	WATER SPORTS AREA
③	GROUP CAMPING AND INTERPRETIVE AREA
④	ACTIVE SPORTS AREA

### LAD picnic . . .

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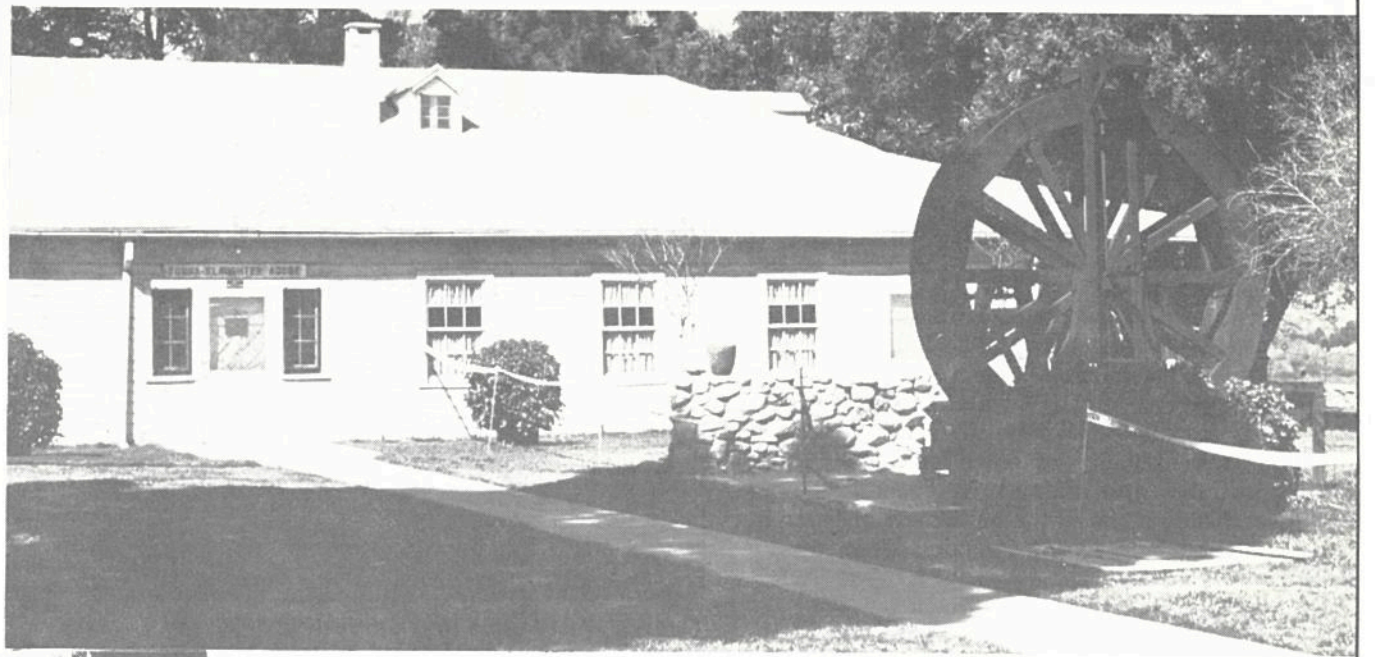
"Aloha" is this year's picnic theme—one that has been unanimously selected by committee members as a fitting tribute to Col. Fred Butler who is closing out "three years of excellent performance as L.A. District Engineer."

Butler will relinquish command of the District on July 10; he departs the area with his family the following day for his next command assignment in Winchester, Va.

Aloha! — by Ely U. Orias



*The Yorba-Slaughter Adobe as it looks today. Its wooden siding was added in the 1930s, and the grist mill (right foreground) reportedly came from Mayhew's Mill along Mill Creek in Prado Basin. The San Bernardino Museum operates the adobe as a satellite museum serving the Chino-Corona area.*



Photos by Gloria Lauter

## Yorba-Slaughter Adobe

Text by Steven J. Schwartz

The Corps' Los Angeles District recently sponsored archaeological excavations at the Yorba-Slaughter Adobe on the fringe of the proposed enlarged Prado Basin.

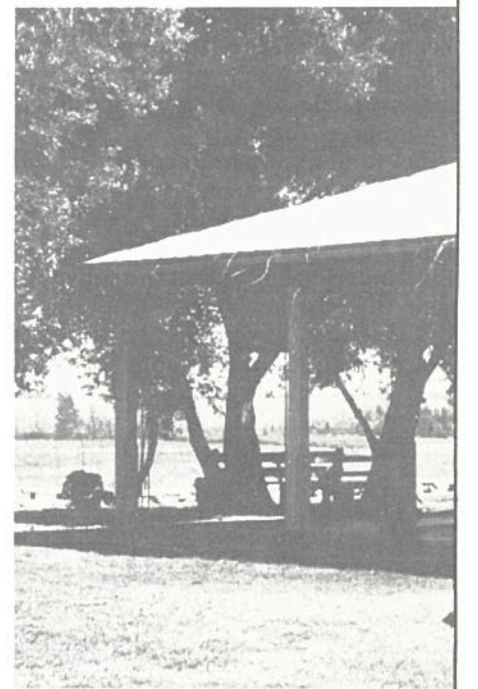
A widely known local landmark, the adobe is a California State historical landmark and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The adobe was built in 1853 by Bernardo Yorba I. The Yorba family at that time controlled 213,331 acres along the Santa Ana River. In 1858, ownership of the vast estate went to Fenton Slaughter.

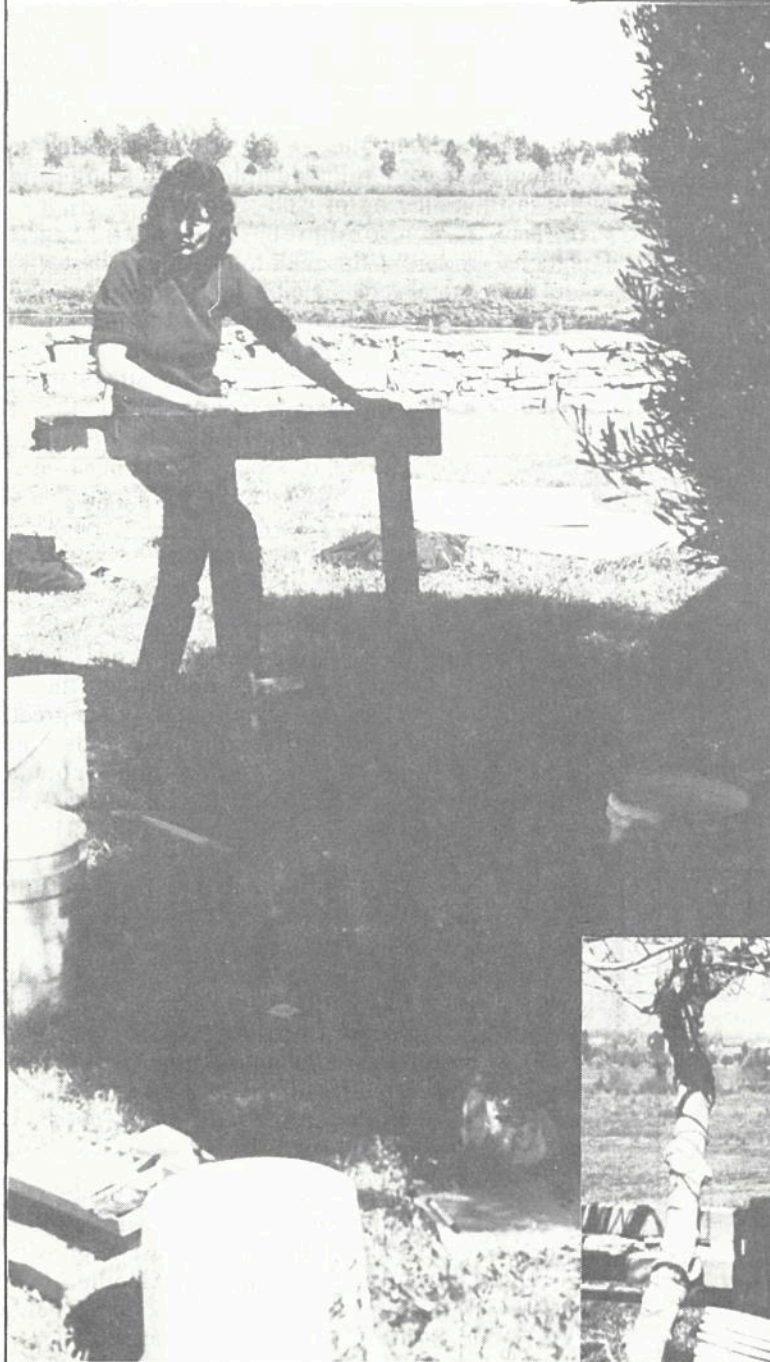
As part of planning efforts for the Santa Ana River project, the Corps sponsored the archaeological work to document any archaeological deposits that remain intact at the adobe site, to gather information to aid in assessing the impacts of the project, and to devise ways to minimize the impacts of inundation on the adobe site.

The archaeologists discovered the stone foundations of a long-since vanished southern wing of the adobe, located the area of the blacksmith shop, and unearthed a number of features (dense accumulations of artifacts).

The Yorba-Slaughter Museum is located at 17127 Pomona-Rincon Rd., Corona, Calif., and is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 - 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sundays.



*Northeast corner of the adobe looking southwest.*



*Archaeologist sifts through soil looking for artifacts.*

*Artifacts so far recovered by archaeologists from this southwest portion of the adobe premises include bottles, ceramics, nails, structural debris, and butchered bone. Excavation has also revealed that a layer of fill placed over the site in the 1930s has helped preserve the older deposits.*





# Defense roots in Constitution traced

by Anthony F. Turhollow

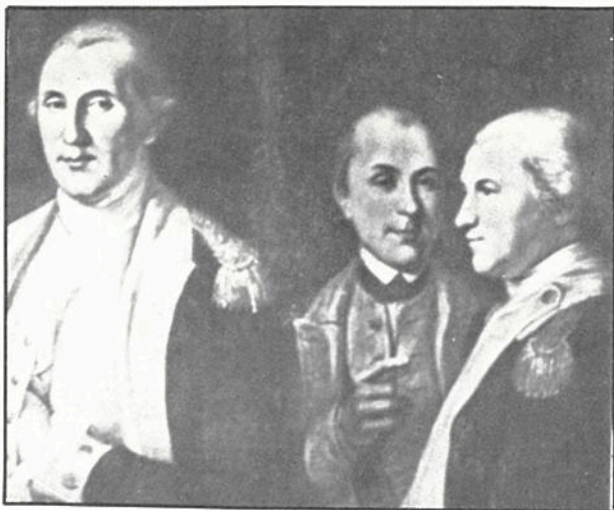
In tracing the roots of the clauses in the Constitution dealing with national defense, one must examine the Revolutionary War experience of the American patriots.

In reaction to the events of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill, King George III and his ministers decided to subdue the rebellious American colonials by force. The Second Continental Congress which gathered in May 1775 confronted a grave situation—the existence of hostilities between the mother country and the 13 American colonies. Moreover, Congress faced the immediate question of what to do about the New Englanders besieging the British forces in Boston.

In May the Massachusetts Provincial Congress requested that the Continental Congress not only adopt the New England forces but also provide for and control a Continental Army under civilian authority to resist British forces. Although hopeful of reconciliation with the mother country, this Congress adopted the New England Militia on June 14, 1775 and voted to raise 10 companies of riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia who would join the New England forces besieging the British forces in Boston—thus establishing an American Continental Army.

On June 15, Congress continued with the organization of the Continental Army by appointing George Washington of Virginia as Commander in Chief. John Adams of Massachusetts as well as other New Englanders believed that this appointment would ensure the support of the southern colonies for the revolutionary cause. Adams' assessment of Washington proved prophetic in stating that the gentleman from Virginia "whose skill as an officer, whose independent fortune, great talents and universal character would command the respect of America and unite the full exertions of the colonies better than any other person alive."

The next day, June 16, under the guidance of the same geographical, political, and military reasons that led to the appointment of Washington, Congress appointed four major generals and eight brigadiers to serve under Washington, established a series of staff officers, prescribed the pay scales, and appointed a



George Washington (left), presiding officer of the Constitutional Convention, with Marquis de Lafayette (right) and Tench Tilghman, aide to Washington.

committee to draft Articles of War for this new American army. Among the staff officers Congress resolved: "That there be a Chief Engineer for the Army, in a separate department." Thus the birth of the Corps of Engineers followed by two days the birth of the American Army.

Strongly influenced by their war experience the Revolutionary War Veterans were among the first to consider themselves Americans rather than Virginians, New Yorkers, or Massachusetts men. More than half of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention who signed the Constitution had served in the Continental Army during the Revolution.

To preserve the hard-won independence, these men assisted in establishing the framework for a strong national government which they considered essential to national defense but still based on an intricate system of checks and balances and division of powers. These Founding Fathers recognized that the principles for which they fought could not be secured without a strong defense. Still distrustful of a concentration of military power in one branch of the proposed new government, they carefully divided control of that power. In the new Constitution the delegates made the President Commander in Chief of

the nation's armed forces but vested in Congress the power to declare war and provide for national defense. However, modern conditions have persuaded Congress to yield a portion of their war power to the President.

During the past 200 years men and women of the American armed forces have learned that the price of freedom is always high in order to maintain the nation's security and well-being. Hopefully, the American public will provide the armed forces with the necessary support to carry out the duties spelled out in the Preamble of the Constitution, particularly to provide for the "common defense" and "to secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity." It should be noted that the oath taken by members of the American armed forces calls for support of the Constitution and not for an individual or the government.

## 'Constitutional' vignette

In the days preceding the May 25, 1787 opening of the Constitutional Convention, the City of Philadelphia witnessed the arrival of 55 convention delegates.

On May 13 of the same year Gen. George Washington arrived in Philadelphia amid a large and enthusiastic gathering of well-wishers.

A troop of horsemen—the City Light Dragoons—rode out the pike to south of Chester to escort the general into the city. Bells were rung, and an Army artillery salute was fired as the procession moved along the crowded streets.

The Army in 1787 was just a small force made up of regulars and militiamen.

## Around the Corner...

by Jessica Jacobs

It's been a week since my last eye surgery, so I had better write up my news for the June paper.

Spoke to Eleanor and Earl Tharalson about the article that Carol Wolff wrote about them. It was great. Earl informed me that Ed Koehm was under the weather. So retirees and friends drop him a note at home. He'll be glad to get them. His address is 2194 Westshore Lane, Westlake Village, Calif., 91361-1948.

Betty Berger called to find out how I was getting along. She and Harry are well and she is going to see a doctor about her eye next month.

I was saddened to hear the news about Dolly Sherman. After 13 months in Kaiser Hospital, she passed away May 10, just before they were transferring her to a convalescent home. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Her body was taken to Richmond, Va., to be buried in the family plot. Sorry we have no names to send cards to.

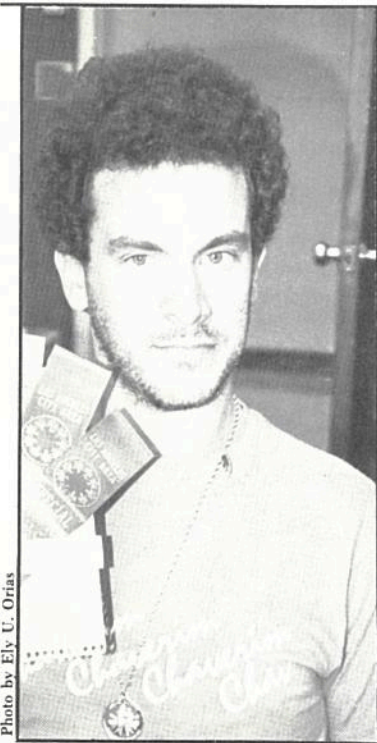
Retirees don't forget the Engineer Day Picnic, Friday, June 26, at Santa Fe Dam. If you can't go that far...drive to the Federal Building and ask to go with someone. Let's see you there enmasse. All others take Hwy 60 to the Dam.

## Condolences to Gee

Col. Fred Butler, District commander, has expressed his "deepest sympathy" to Con-Ops' Dan Gee and his family on the recent loss of Dan's father, Henry Gee.

Gee died on May 11 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

"Those of us who have suffered the loss of loved ones can understand the deep feelings of sadness you are experiencing," Butler said in a letter. "I know I am speaking for all of the District and specifically Construction Operations Division when I send my sincere condolences."



Participant's Medal hangs from Keith Miller's neck and three of the five ribbons he won at Bell are visible.

### Top finisher

## Miller bags 5 ribbons at Bell track & field meet

Keith Miller of the LADO Mailroom romped away with a 1st-place ribbon and four 2nd-place ribbons from the track & field meet at Bell High School in Bell, Calif.

For some, with Miller being one of them, the April 25 Bell games served as a tuneup for the upcoming California Special Olympics at UCLA.

Miller and his teammates will represent the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce at the UCLA games June 19-21.

At the Bell track & field meet, Miller placed 2nd in the softball throw, the 400 and 440-meter relay, and the long jump. And in the 100-meter dash, Miller emerged as the top finisher. He

was, however, particularly proud of the Participant's Medal he received at the conclusion of the daylong athletics.

Miller recalls the day as being very hot and a lot of fun. "It was a day to remember not only for the sportsmanship displayed by both athletes and officials but also for the fine entertainment provided by clowns and mimes, Smokey the Bear, and Sport Goofy," Miller said.

Miller represented L.A. GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Advanced Living). "Under the L.A. GOAL banner," Miller explained, "we do things for ourselves and learn the importance of good character building, the value of money and other things." —by Ely U. Orias



# Report From the Field



**T** Corps officials and Congressional District representatives from Congressman William D. Lowery's San Diego office met with residents of Tierrasanta Community during a recent workshop on the Corps' ordnance feasibility study aimed at developing "remedial action alternatives for dealing with unexploded ordnance at Tierrasanta," which is about 15 miles north of San Diego. (In left photo facing camera) Jennifer Martineau, a facilitator for a public-involvement contractor who organized the workshop for the L.A. District, brings Tierrasanta residents abreast of the Corps' feasibility study. (In right photo) Army Capt. Eugene Miller, Tierrasanta

project manager from the Corps' Huntsville Division in Alabama, listens to residents' concerns about ordnance that remains underground at Tierrasanta. This San Diego community was once a major Marine Corps artillery range called Camp Elliott. During WW II thousands of rounds of ammunition from tank guns, mortars, and rifles were fired into the Elliott canyon. Navy and Marine Corps teams had twice swept the camp grounds of ordnance, but in 1983, one of the rounds exploded and killed two children who had found it. The children came from civilian housing developments first erected in the 1970s after the federal government declared surplus



some 13,277 acres of the camp. In a press statement released at the meeting, Rep. Lowery said: "The wheels turn slowly but deliberately in the effort to make Tierrasanta safe from unexploded ordnance. Although we all want to see a quick and safe resolution to the danger, it now is incumbent upon the community to take the time to look at the medical actions proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers and to provide the Corps with all ideas and concerns." Karen Helbrecht of Environmental Planning Section is the District's feasibility study coordinator.

Photos by Carol A. Wolff

## Butler, Waldo, Jackson moving on . . .

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ments up to give their students a diversified knowledge and understanding of a variety of subjects and a unique sense of camaraderie as a result of their dealings with people wearing different uniforms."

(Besides the Naval War College, there's the Army War College, the Air Force War College, the National Defense College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.)

### Lt.Col. Jackson

Jackson, the District deputy commander for civil works the past 20 months, retires June 8 from active Army service following a 20-year military career. A farewell luncheon in his honor was held May 28 at Lowery's.

His relief, Lt.Col. Glen F. Jeff Weien, is currently assistant to the Engineer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DSPER Engineer), Headquarters, Department of the Army. Weien reports to the District Office June 30.

Jackson is joining the construction industry as chief operations officer for a structural design engineering firm headquartered at Marina del Rey with branch offices in Newport Beach, San Jose, and San Francisco.

"In my role as (L.A. District) chief of staff, I have really enjoyed working with the staff in bringing to pass the reorganization of IMO and LMO plus the consolidation of the Personnel Office," Jackson said. "I really enjoyed working with division and office chiefs and helping them in their role as project managers. I see myself as a facilitator for them, being the intervention between them and the Division, the Colonel and the public."

Jackson hinted that he probably will miss some of the things he and his family experienced during their Army tour.

"I'll miss the uniforms, bands, parades, military tradition, camaraderie, and being a soldier," Jackson said. "You see, there's that bond and unity among soldiers that you don't find in private industry, and that will be hard to replace."

## Another chance for those who missed '86 bus tour

Those L.A. District employees who missed last year's bus tour of LAD's flood control dam in Riverside County, the wetland areas in Orange County the Corps is helping to preserve, and the LA-LB Harbor will have another chance to visit these places on June 16.

The Public Affairs Office is conducting for the District on that date a bus tour designed to help employees develop a sense of pride in the 'supportive' roles they are filling in the Los Angeles District.

The tour will be highlighted by a trip to Prado Dam in Riverside, a guided walking tour of Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve in Huntington Beach, and a trip to San Pedro's Lookout Point to view the LA-LB Harbor. A picnic lunch at Pt. Fermin will cap the day's agenda.

An air conditioned bus will start boarding passengers at 7:30 a.m. and depart from the District Motor Pool at 8 a.m. It will return to the Federal Building around 2:45 p.m.

## Secretaries tour ACDC

To mark Secretary's Week, Arizona Area Office secretaries visited the Arizona Canal Diversion Channel (ACDC) and were briefed by Neil Erwin and Brayton Willis, both of Maricopa County Civil Works Resident Office.

After the project briefing and a tour of the soils and concrete testing lab, each of the women grabbed a hard hat and headed for Reach 1—the section of ACDC that is completed. Reach 1 is now awaiting final landscaping and installation this summer of recreation features.

The group then proceeded to Reach 2A where construction is now in progress. The girls were impressed with the magnitude of the project and how much work goes into construction of this particular flood control channel. They also found enlightening a 1st-hand look at what has been taking place at ACDC over the past few years.

"The tour was very enjoyable and we thank our bosses for providing this opportunity," one of the secretaries said.



Text by  
Liza Bazzill

Photo by  
Brayton Willis

The touring secretaries (from left) are Janice Kjesbo, Lisa Bazzill, Jean O'Hara, Lori Eldridge, Julie Saufley, Fran Hartman, and Ruth Hilton.





Hank Watson (above) gets occasional help from Ruben Martinez and Gil Cox.



Text & Photos  
by Ely U. Orias

Late this month or early next month, the above structure which houses the LADO Motor Pool dispatcher's office and the white wall seen in the background will both get the wrecking ball to give room to an expanding construction activity behind the Federal Building. In anticipation of the forthcoming "wrecking event," the District has notified Corps personnel that access to Motor Pool area parking is no longer guaranteed. As an alternate parking site for employees with assigned spaces, LADO has leased a lot bounded by Commercial, Garey, and

Ducommun Sts., with drive-in access from Ducommun. Until the Motor Pool office is established on site, the leased location will remain unattended, according to Lynne Clinton, LMO chief. LADO Motor Pool moved to its now vanishing site from the Federal Building underground parking in May 1985, when GSA dispersed units of its motor pool fleet to L.A. and Orange County locations. Dispatcher Hank Watson has been running LADO's Motor Pool singlehandedly since the retirement of Charles Gray a few months ago. Watson first joined the Corps in 1964, only to leave the following year for a job with the L.A. Postal System. In 1966, he rejoined the Corps as a member of the L.A. District Executive Office staff.

## LAD hosts PRC officials' L.A. visit

by Ely U. Orias

The Los Angeles District played host to officials of the People's Republic of China (PRC) Ministry of Communications (the equivalent of the U.S. Department of Transportation) during the Southern California portion of their itinerary.

Headed by Madame Vice Minister Zheng Guangdi, the group of five was greeted by Lt.Col. Norman Jackson, LAD deputy commander, on their arrival at LAX on May 13 from the Corps' Waterways Experimental Station (WES) at Vicksburg, Miss.

From the airport the visitors proceeded for lunch to the Princess Louise, a floating restaurant in San Pedro. They were escorted by LAD Engineering Division's Tim Yeh and SPD's Tom Wang, the group's escort in and around San Francisco later that week.

The Chinese delegation also visited New York City, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, and New Orleans.

In Washington, Madame Zheng and

former Assistant Army Secretary Robert Dawson signed the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology between the U.S. and PRC. The visitors also discussed potential cooperative projects and reached certain agreements with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Over at DoT, the PRC officials received briefings on transportation planning and management of waterways, highway, harbor, and railroad activities.

In New Orleans, at St. Louis, and in Vicksburg, the Chinese ministry officials observed the impact of the Mississippi River on estuaries, canalizations, and other waterways systems.

The delegation returned to their homeland on May 17, following a 2-week U.S. visit which was characterized by Zheng as "...a reciprocal visit." Sometime in January of this year, Dawson and Lt.Gen. E.R. Heiberg III, Chief of Engineers, visited the People's Republic of China. Also around that time, U.S. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole was in



Tim Yeh (right), the official LAD escort, and SPD's escort Tom Wang (left) flank the Chinese delegation headed by Vice Minister of Communications Madame Zheng Guangdi, an Associated Research Fellow by profession. Others in the group (starting with 2nd from left) are Dou Guoren, senior engineer; Fang Weimin, interpreter; Yan Qingbin, vice chief economist; and Wang Kaishan, deputy chief engineer.

China an official visit.

China's Ministry of Communications is charged with the construction or upgrading of that country's port and other waterways facilities at 26 major coastal cities plus maintenance work on

the 2,000-year old Grand Canal and other canals and estuaries forming from either the Pearl River in South China, Yangtze River in the central part of the country, and the Yellow River up north.



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