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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

SIGNE PETERSON TO HEAD HOUSING PROJECT

THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY WAS ESTABLISHED ON JULY 1 AND IT WILL BE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY HEREAFTER TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE HOUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN ANCHORAGE AND FAIRBANKS FOR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION. MISS SIGNE B. PETERSON IS THEIR PRESENT REPRESENTATIVE AND HAS TAKEN OVER THE OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR MISS MAGELSEN, FORMER HOUSING MANAGER FOR THE ANCHORAGE PROJECT.

MISS MAGELSEN, AND MRS. GRAY, HOUSING MANAGER FOR THE FAIRBANKS PROJECT, ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES DURING THE PERIOD THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION HAD JURISDICTION OVER THE PROJECTS.

MISS PETERSON MAY BE REACHED AT THE FPHA HOUSING MANAGER'S OFFICE AT THE ANCHORAGE PROJECT, TELEPHONE MAIN 435. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO HER.

CHRIS LAMPLE COMPLETES INVESTIGATION SURVEY

FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS THE REGION HAS BEEN VISITED BY MR. CHRIS M. LAMPLE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS, WHO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME FROM WASHINGTON TO THIS REGION A NEW AIRCRAFT. HE FLEW THE ENTIRE NORTHWAY TO NOME, AND HOME TO FAIRBANKS AIRWAY, STOPPING AT ALL POINTS ENROUTE TO INVESTIGATE FACILITIES PERTINENT TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF THE AIRWAY.

MR. LAMPLE AGAIN VERY CLEARLY SET FORTH CERTAIN POLICIES WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BUREAU OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS; ALL OF WHICH WILL TEND TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF THE EIGHTH REGION ORGANIZATION.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MR. LAMPLE'S EARLY RETURN SOME TIME IN THE FALL.

TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT BRIEFS

PERFECT SCORES IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATION EXAM ELEMENTS ARE SO RARE AS TO APPEAR ALMOST SENSATIONAL WHEN THEY OCCUR. THE FEW AWARDED TO DATE HAVE BEEN FOR JOHN W. PINILETT (ANNETTE ISLAND), NAVIGATION; P. L. J. FAUR (ANNETTE ISLAND), COMMUNICATIONS; AND NOVEMY (MOODY ISLAND), COMMUNICATIONS.

MRS. EVELYN F. THOMAS' NAVIGATION SCORE OF 95% IS THE HIGHEST YET AWARD. THIS IS ELEMENT TO ANY OF OUR FAIR-SEX COMMUNICATORS.

EXAMINATIONS ARE FREQUENTLY HELD IN THE FIELD IN SUCH QUANTITY AS TO INFLUENCE THE DEPARTMENT UNDER TEMPERATURE, ALTHOUGH POSITIVE EFFORT IS MADE TO RETURN RESULTS PROMPT WITH LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY.

STATISTICS SHOW NAVIGATION IS THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT WITH PERCENTAGE FAILURES IN ALL ELEMENTS LISTED AS FOLLOWS: NAVIGATION, 13%; COMMUNICATIONS, 8%; METEOROLOGY AND AIR TRAFFIC RULES, 5%.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON AND ISSUANCE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED IN LIEU OF LETTERS OF ATTACHMENT NOW OUTSTANDING AND FURTHER PROCESSING OF "LETTERS" DISCONTINUED.

NOTICE TO COMMUNICATORS

COMMUNICATORS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE MAGAZINE "FLYING" FOR JUNE ARE DRAWN TO THE ARTICLE ENTITLED "I LEARNED A LOT FLYING FROM THAT - NO. 57" BY CAPT. W. G. HALL. WE BELIEVE THIS VIVID GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF AN ORAL EMERGENCY WILL PROVE PARTICULAR INTEREST TO COMMUNICATORS, ANDING, AS IT DEEP, ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE LONG LIST OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DEEDS RENDERED BY THEM AS WELL AS ILLUSTRATING THE UTILITY OF GCA FACILITIES TO THE AERONAUTICAL PUBLIC.

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U. S. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES LAUDED BY
JONES FROM WAR SERVICE AND LOYALTY

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I AM GLAD TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WORKERS FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY ARE MAKING IN THE COUNTRY'S STRIFE TO WIN THE WAR AND TO MAINTAIN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD A DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE.

WHILE MY COMMENTS WILL DEAL PRINCIPALLY WITH THE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE, STATEMENTS WOULD BE MADE BY OTHER SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS REGARDING THE WORK OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.

WHEN SHOOTING BEGAN IN THE PACIFIC (ALL ON OUR SIDE) MANY OF OUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WERE UNDER FIRE AT THEIR POSTS OF DUTY. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DID THEN AND STILL ARE REMAINING AT POSTS OF DUTY IN THE WAR ZONE, AND SOME ARE NOW LISTED AS MISSING. SURVEY CREWS OF THE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, MANNED BY CIVILIAN CREWS, RECONNOITERED THE HARBORS AND SHORELINE OF ATTU AND KISKA AFTER THESE ISLANDS WERE OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE AND RENDERED VALUABLE AID TO THE NAVY IN SUBSEQUENT SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS IN RECOVERING THESE ISLANDS.

TECHNICIANS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION AND THE WEATHER BUREAU HAVE REMAINED LOYALLY AND FAITHFULLY AT THEIR POSTS OF DUTY, SOMETIMES WITH THEIR FAMILIES, IN ALASKA, ON ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AT POSTS IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE AND EVEN ABOARD SHIPS AT SEA. EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS HAVE PERFORMED DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS, BUT VERY VITAL, EXPERIMENTAL WORK FOR ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.

IN LESS SPECTACULAR SERVICE, AND WITH LESS

HAZARDS, HAS BEEN THE CONTRIBUTION OF WORKERS WHO HAVE REMAINED AT THEIR DESKS, AT WORK BENCHES, AND OFFICE DEVICES, AND IN THEIR LABORATORIES.

MUCH OF THIS WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY MEN HASTILY TRAINED FOR IT, MEN BEYOND DRAFT AGE, MANY BEYOND GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT AGE, AND SOME PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. BUT MANY MEN WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE IN THE ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN RETAINED AT THEIR CIVILIAN POSTS TO DO THE ESSENTIAL WAR WORK, AS THEY HAVE QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS THAT COULD NOT BE REPLACED. MANY HAVE BEEN DENIED THEIR REQUESTS TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES.

THE GOVERNMENT WORK WEEK HAS BEEN LENGTHENED AND MUCH OVERTIME WORK HAS BEEN REQUIRED. VACATIONS HAVE BEEN SHORTENED AND HOLIDAYS ELIMINATED. GOVERNMENT WORKERS HAVE BOUGHT GENEROUSLY OF WAR BONDS BOTH BY WAY OF PAY ROLL DEDUCTIONS AND ON SPECIAL DRIVES. THEY HAVE GIVEN FREELY FOR THE RED CROSS AND COMMUNITY WAR FUNDS. BLOOD DONORS HAVE RESPONDED GENEROUSLY AND REGULARLY. I AM INFORMED THAT THOUSANDS OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE DONATED ONE OR MORE TIMES AND THAT ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAS DONATED 19 TIMES, MAKING HER THE HIGHEST DONOR OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT.

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID AND WRITTEN DEROGATORY TO GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN BOTH TIMES OF PEACE AND WAR. THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED SLACKERS, DRAFT DODGERS, DRONES, LOAFERS, CHAIR WARMERS, AND OTHER NAMES TENDING TO DISCREDIT THEM.

SUCH DISPARAGEMENT IS UNWARRANTED AND UNFAIR AND I AM GLAD OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WORKER FOR HIS LOYALTY, FAITHFULNESS AND INDUSTRY, AND FOR THE SACRIFICES THAT HE IS DAILY MAKING.

DRIPPINGS FROM THE FAUCET (SLOW LEAKS)

THERE'S THE WONDERFUL LOVE OF A BEAUTIFUL MAID, AND THE LOVE OF A STAINCH, TRUE MAN, AND THE LOVE OF A BABY THAT'S UNAFRAID, ALL HAVE EXISTED SINCE TIME BEGAN.

BUT THE MOST WONDERFUL LOVE, THE LOVE OF LOVED, EVEN GREATER THAN THAT OF A MOTHER, IS THE TENDEREST, INFINITE, PASSIONATE LOVE, OF ONE DEAD DRUNK FOR ANOTHER.

THE TIME WAS SHORTLY BEFORE EIGHT AM A FEW WEEKS AGO AND THE DAY WATCH WAS MILLING AROUND THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK AWAITING CIRCUIT ASSIGNMENTS. HOWEVER, ONE COMMUNICATOR, SEEMINGLY A STRANGER, WAS HANGING BACK ON THE EDGE OF THE CROWD AND BEING EYED SUSPICIOUSLY BY SEVERAL MIDWATER MEN. FINALLY, ONE WAS HEARD TO REMARK TO THE OTHER; "WHO'S THE NEW MAN?" UNABLE TO PLACE HIM, THEY QUESTIONED THE SUPERVISOR. CAUGHT SHORT, THE SUPE GINGERLY APPROACHED THE STRANGER AND DEMANDED HIS IDENTIFICATION CARD. IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN GEORGE SINK, MINUS THE CHIN FOLIAGE. IT IS BLANDED HE SHAVED IT OFF BECAUSE HE WAS SLOWLY LOSING HIS MIND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER HE SLEPT WITH HIS BEARD IN OR OUT OF THE COVERS.

PETER O. PETERSON ANNOUNCED THE BIRTH, ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, OF PATRICIA GAYLE PETERSON SEVEN POUNDS FIFTEEN OUNCES. CONGRATULATIONS, PETE.

IT IS REPORTED THAT LES BRUCE GAVE SEVERAL COMMUNICATORS QUITE A START WHEN HE RAN OUT OF SLIP TAPE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN RYP SCHEDULE. NO COOPERATION, SEZ BRUCE.

A WELCOME CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COKE OFFERS IS CHIEF RAY OKERLUND, WHO WILL BUY COKES FOR ALL CORNERS. HOWEVER, TENACIOUS MAN THAT HE IS, HE STILL INSISTS ON GOING THROUGH THE FORMALITY OF MATCHING FOR THEM.

IT'S KIND OF TOUGH, TRYING TO GET RIDES WITH BOB WILLIAMS SINCE HE HAS TAKEN TO SQUIRREL "SQUARE D" KOEGLER AROUND IN HIS AIR FLIVVER. ALL WE GET TO DO NOW IS CRANK THE PROP AND STAND IN THE WASH.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY COMMUNICATIONS, ERNIE "THE BRAIN" ERNET HAS ACQUIRED HIMSELF A SEC-RETARY, NO LESS. WE WELCOME YOU, MISS BARBER, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO.

WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR ALL THESE EMPTY COKE BOTTLES, CARE OF JACKSON T. JEFFORD'S "HAPPY ACTION TRACTION ACTION."

GEORGE SINK, AFTER COMPLAINING OF THE "GIN BREATH" BEING EMITTED BY THE MICROPHONE DURING HIS BROADCASTS, IS SHOPPING FOR AN ATOMIZER WITH WHICH TO DISINFECT THE FOUL INSTRUMENT BEFORE USING.

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BETTLES

JUST BECAUSE WE JOINED THE 303'S, IS NO SIGN THAT WE ARE PERMANENTLY IN COLD STORAGE. YES, THE ARCTIC DUELING AT CRAFT ONTAS SHOULD BE CLASSED ALL BY THEMSELVES. IF OURS CONTRARY TO POPULAR OPINION, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING THINED OUT AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE TURNING TO GARDENING AND FISHING.

CHUCK YOUNG, THE ACAC, COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE SUN TO DO ITS WORK, SO HE CHOPPED HOLES IN THE ICE AND GOT HIS FISH EARLY. THE DUCKS AND THE GOOSE, AND THE BIRDS AND BEES ARE HERE. ALSO THOSE P900'S (900 TO THE CUBIC YARD) ARE OUT IN FORCE. WHAT A WING SPREAD!

AS IN THE CASE OF THE SHIP WRECKED SAILOR, WATER EVERYWHERE, BUT YOU MELT EVERY DROP YOU DRINK. YEP, THE HELL WAS DRY AS A BONE UNTIL THE WEATHER WARMED UP AND THINGS STARTED TO MELT. WHAT A DIFFERENCE! NOW WATER COMES OUT OF THE TOP OF THE HELL OF ITS OWN ACCORD. THERE IS A SWEET BIG SPRING UNDER THE BACHELOR QUARTERS, THAT GURGLES PLEASANTLY AND LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD BY ANYONE TRYING TO SLEEP. MAKES A GUY FEEL LIKE HE IS BACK AT SEA AGAIN, EXCEPT THE DECK DOESN'T ACT RIGHT. BEING ON PILING IT STAYS PUT-LIKE A DOCK.

NEVER DID GIVE TOO MUCH THOUGHT TO THE CON-FORT OF THE RMS. WHEN TROUBLE RAISED IT'S MISTY HEAD; I JUST CALLED THE RMS AND LET HIM SWING THE MEAT AXE TO ELIMINATE SAID HEAD. SAME DIFFERENCE NOW, ONLY I SWING MY OWN MEAT AXE, AND GET CALLED BY OTHERS FOR THE SAME DUTY. HEREAFTER, IF AND WHEN I LEAVE THIS STATION AND ON AND AFTER ARRIVAL FOR DUTY AT ANOTHER STATION, WILL ALWAYS REGARD THE RMS AS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGED PERSON, IN THAT HE MIGHT NEED A LITTLE SHUT-EYE AND REST NOW AND THEN.

DO ANY OF YOU OTHER GUYS HAVE OBSTRUCTION LIGHT TROUBLE? FOR SOME REASON, AND I GUESS ITS NATURAL AT THAT, THE OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS ON THE ONE FIFTY FOOT TOWERS BURNED NICELY FOR SOME TIME AND THEN THEY STARTED TO GO OUT. EVERY DAY SAME THING. ONE MORE LIGHT, ONE MORE TRIP UP STAIRS TO REPLACE. IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO CLIMB THE ONE HUNDRED FOOT HILL TO THE CONTROL BUILDING, BUT HALF MILE OF FLOOD WATER, NO, ALL UP HILL AND THEN THE TOP LIGHTS OF BOTH TOWERS OUT AT THE SAME TIME. GUESS EXERCISE IS A GREAT THING FOR SOME PEOPLE.

OH WELL, AS LONG AS THE TWO COFFEE GRINDERS OUT IN THE GENERATOR BUILDING KEEP THE CYCLES UP TO 60 AND THE TRM DOESN'T JUMP OUT OF THE WINDOW, RECKON AS HOW OLD BETTLES WILL CONTINUE TO PLUMP OUT HOURGLIES AND KAPS TO KZ.

HERE I WISH TO THANK THE OPERATORS AT BOTH KZ AND NO FOR THEIR KIND ASSISTICE. YOU GUYS WERE ALWAYS THERE WHEN WE NEEDED YOU.

LISTENING IN ON 303, WHICH IS ALL WE CAN DO NOW, MAKES ME HOMESICK. WILL BE GLAD TO GET BACK ON THE CKT AGAIN. NOT AT HQ, THO.

THE SOURDOUGH

OUR TWO WANDERING AMBASSADORS, HUBERT GAY AND MORE MILLER, HAVE RETURNED FROM THE STATES. GAY IS STILL A BACHELOR. HE SURELY MUST HAVE WILL POWER TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT OFF ALL THOSE BELLES, BUT HE DID HAVE A NAVY NURSE HANGING ON TO HIS SHOULDER WHEN THE PLANE LANDED.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THERE IS TO BE A MARRIAGE DOWN IN THIS END OF THE BUILDING. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS!

65 IS SO CROWDED THESE DAYS THAT PLANS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS FOR A BALCONY. HALF THE ENGINEERS ARE IN THE FIELD, SO THE OTHER FELLOWS CAN HAVE A SEAT.

EVERETT GOODWIN, ONE OF OUR FORMER PALS, IS NOW A PAPPY. HE, TOO, IS LEARNING THE WONDERS OF FATHERHOOD, BUT EVERETT HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO APPLY ENGINEERING TO THIS BUSINESS. BEING A PAPPY SURELY CHANGES A FELLOW. HE'LL FIGHT THE FIRST MAN THAT SAYS HIS KID ISN'T THE BEST. ASK DICK DATE, LES NAPPE, JERRY KEMPTON, JOHN IRETON OR EVERETT.

HOWARD HENKEL HAS RETURNED TO 65. THE DEMONIES OF THE STATES COULDN'T HOLD HIM. HE SAYS ANCHORAGE LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH. AT LEAST A DECENT STEAK AND REFRESHMENTS ARE TO BE FOUND.

65 IS HAVING ITS USUAL RUSH THIS SUMMER, AND ABOUT THE BUSIEST LITTLE BEAVER IS THAT NEW LITTLE GAL "BEE" MARTIN. SHE'S SO BUSY TAKING DICTATION AND TYPING UP THE ENGINEERS' HAY THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME TO LOOK INTO HER PAST. BUT WE'D KNOW THIS MUCH. SHE'S MARRIED--OH WELL!

MERRILL TOWER TRAFFIC

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF FLYING HAZARDS AROUND MERRILL FIELD THESE DAYS. THE SEA GULLS HAVE BEEN HOLDING CONVENTION LATELY JUST OFF THE WEST END OF THE EAST-WEST RUNWAY. THE CITY DUMP IS THE MAIN ATTRACTION, BUT NOW THAT IT IS TO BE MOVED FURTHER SOUTH, THE GULLS SHOULD LEAVE THE CUBS AND TORAFTS ALONE, MORE OR LESS.

A STRIP OF LAND TO THE WEST IS NOW BEING CLEARED TO ACCOMMODATE MERRILL'S RAPIDLY GROWING AIRPLANE POPULATION. THE NEW 500 FOOT SPACE WILL "HOUSE" NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT. THE NORTH-SOUTH RUNWAY IS TO BE "WORKED-ON", MAKING THE ENTIRE 400 FOOT WIDTH AVAILABLE.

NEWLY ARRIVED AT THE FIELD ARE TWO CAA BEHCRAFTS AND AN M & K ELECTRA.

CONTROLLER JOHN RAW, RECENTLY OF BOISE TOWER, AWAITIS THE ARRIVAL OF HIS WIFE IN ALASKA, AND CONTROLLER "AL" LUCKETT, ALSO OF BOISE, AWAITS AN ARRIVAL IN BOISE.

CONTROLLER BILL KELLY IS ALL SET TO ²⁵ HIRE HIS CAR AND TAKE MORE FLYING LESSONS, LEADING TOWARD HIS COMMERCIAL LICENCE.

MERRILL TOWER HIT A NEW HIGH IN TRAFFIC DURING JUNE...9760 OPERATIONS!!!!

NEWS FROM THE FIELD:

SAM KELLY'S BOYS HAD A GAS LINE EXPLOSION ABOARD A LARGE AT ILIANNIA BAY. TWO FIRE SHEET MEN WERE BADLY BRUISED, ONE HAD A BROKEN LEG, AND ENGINEER HOLLANDER WAS "LAIN LOW" TEMPORARILY. ALL INJURED MEN ARE RECOVERING AND WILL SOON BE AS GOOD AS NEW.

TEX MATTOX AT GULKANA SUFFERS A BROKEN TOE. IT'S RUMORED HE USES THE CRUTCHES EXPEDITIOUSLY. THE OFFICE HAS SENT CONDOLENCES.

ONE OR TWO STATIONS HAVE NEGATED AN OVER SUPPLY OF MOSQUITOES. LET'S HOPE NO ONE THINKS THE MOSQUITO WINGS ARE TRAVELLING CROSS HAIRS IN THE TRANSIT.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:

CHIEF HOPENWELL AND DAN SETCHFIELD VISITED NANKY AND ILIANNIA. THE WORK (AND FISHING) IS COMING ALONG NICELY.

SAM KELSEY HAS RECENTLY TOURED SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA - EXTENSIVELY, OR PERHAPS WE SHOULD SAY INTENSIVELY. LEE CONNORS GETS AROUND QUITE A BIT, BUT THE PERGRINATIONS OF "BOB" McDONALD CANNOT BE LISTED HERE BECAUSE OF LACK OF SPACE.

RECENT ARRIVALS IN THE OFFICE INCLUDE GEORGE K. FROM NONE, GERRY HOWARD FROM McGRATH, SAM KELLY FROM ILIANNIA, JACK PAULIE FROM THE SICK BED (GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK, JACK), QUINTON BARNES FROM NANKY, MORGAN HOLM FROM HALES, OTTO NELSON FROM WALES, RED NEL IN FROM GULAKLEET, HOWARD HOLLANDER FROM ILIANNIA, RALPH WESTOVER FROM KINCHUKINA, RICHARD KRUEGER FROM GUSTAVUS, JOE WALSH FROM BIG DELTA, AND CLIFF LINEHAN FROM CORDOVA.

BIG DELTA

ANY COMPLAINTS THESE DAYS THAT JQ GETS MONOTONOUS WOULD CERTAINLY BE UNJUSTIFIED. EVERY DAY THE STATION IS REARRANGED AS IF THE CHIEF WERE SUFFERING FROM SPRING HOUSECLEANING FEVER. IT LOOKS BETTER, TOO, ALTHO THERE WERE SEQUENCES THAT HAD TO BE COPIED WITH THE TYPEWRITER IN A CHAIR WHILE REPAIRS WERE BEING MADE. MARGARET FLEMING SAYS NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS GONE SHE KNOWS HOW A MOTHER FEELS WHO HAS HAD FOURTEEN CHILDREN AND THEY SUDDENLY LEAVE HOME. SHE ALSO SAYS SHE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE OF THE NAMES AND DOINGS OF SEATTLE TRAINEES.

OTHER NEW ADDITIONS AT BIG DELTA INCLUDE DANA KAY METZGER, NEW DAUGHTER OF GUINN AND VIRGINIA. SHE IS FAT, SASSY, AND DARN NEAR AS CUTE AS OUR BABY WAS AT THAT TIME.

JQ SEEMS TO BE UNDER AN EVIL INFLUENCE OF LATE. THE TELE-TALK WON'T TALK: THE TELEPHONE WORKS, BUT INTERMITTENTLY, FOR SEVERAL DAYS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DIAL THE RANGE VOICE MODULATION ON OR OFF; AND EVEN THE LEGS HAVE BEEN FALLING OFF THE TYPEWRITERS AND THE CARTERS OFF THE CHAIRS. IT IS KIND OF TRILLING TO GO TO WORK. YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN A DANGEROUS MISSION.

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INASMUCH AS WE ARE LACKING THE GIFT OF ENTERTAINING CHATTER, SO PREVALENT IN THE MUKTEL, THESE ITEMS WILL BE REPORTED IN THE BAR-EST OF PROSE.

SLOP FROM OUR SLOUGH HAS BEEN QUITE THIN LATELY, NONEXISTENT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, SO WE WILL NAME THE PERSONNEL NOW AT DISPOSITION. THIS ROSTER MAY CHANGE FROM DAY TO DAY.

OLD JIM TOY.

THE DAY WATCH: KAREL ZEMAN, THAT FAMOUS CONSIDER FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCOM (THE COM, OR TIN-EARRED SPECIES), NOW FILLING THE POSITION OF ACAC; BERT SIEVER, LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER, NOW PERMANENT - ONE OF THE EIGHTHION'S BEST OPERATORS; CLIFF UZZELL, DITTO NO LONGER SO RADICAL SINCE SHIFTING TO THE DAY WATCH); MEL AND FLO MAJERUS, RECENTLY FROM PETE VILOFF, VOLUNTEER FROM THE WIDE OPEN SPACES OF TEXAS.

EVENING: "SLOPPY JOE" EWOLDT, - EVERYONE KNOWS JOE - IT IS SAID THAT SOME OF THE OLDER INHABITANTS OF FAIRBANKS REMEMBER A TIME WHEN HE CAME TO WORK IN KNEE BRITCHES; JAMES NORD TEALE (PASSED OUT CIGARS RECENTLY, AND DID THE SCUMMING-FATHER-ACT VERY WELL); HERB AND PAT BRAZIL, LATELY FROM KI; SHELLEY ALDEN, NO PAST BUT A GOOD FUTURE TO JUDGE BY FIRST PERFORMANCES.

MID (THAT DAMN MID): "MIDWATCH" GROW, FORMERLY OF OA; "SNOWED-UNDER" JENKINS, A GOOD MAN GONE WRONG; CONNIE JENKINS - THEY ARE BOTH FROM THE BANANA BELT, OF; BOLSHEVIK KEITH. HAZEL McDONALD, BEAUTIFUL BUT NOT DUMB; EARL ALDEN, SAME REMARKS AS SHELLEY.

RECENT ARRIVAL...MATERNAL, NOT FRATERNAL: MAURYA TEALE. MAMA WILL BE BACK TO WORK SOON.

NEW OLD ARRIVALS...FRATERNAL: BILL CHANDLER AND LILA JONES FROM YO. THEY'VE BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME.

RECENT DEPARTURE...PALMER BAHLS, FOR HQ.

MADHOUSE CONDITIONS CONTINUE, WITH QRM FROM NO. TRUCTION ON ALL FREQUENCIES. MOSQUITOES BITE ON ALL FRONTS. OUR FORCES SUFFER HEAVILY FROM INFILTRATION TACTICS.

REFERRING TO THE MUKTEL'S REQUEST FOR VACATION CAMP SUGGESTIONS, WE HAVE ONE THAT MIGHT SETTLE THE MATTER; TO WIT: GIVE US THE TIME OFF AND WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE RELAXATION. PERSONNEL ARE FINDING 8 CONTINUOUS MONTHS ON A SEVEN-DAY WEEK AT A BUSY STATION MIGHTY RUGGED.

THE STATION IS NOW SURROUNDED BY GARDENS AND LAWNS, WELL, A LAWN ON ONE SIDE, AND BILL DOWLES' V-GARDEN ON ANOTHER.

INTRODUCING---

W. MORGAN DAVIES, OUR NEW SR. AIRWAYS INSPECTOR (PATROL PILOT), MORGAN CERTAINLY NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION TO ALASKANS. FOR HE WAS TRAINED AROUND UP HERE YEARS BEFORE THE CAA MADE ITS APPEARANCE IN THE TERRITORY; IN FACT, BEFORE THE CAA MADE ITS APPEARANCE IN THE STATE HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO ALASKA AFTER HAVING BEEN AWAY 18 MONTHS AS A TEST PILOT FOR CONSOLIDATED VULTEE IN SAN DIEGO. MR. DAVIES IS HERE FOR A HOUSE OR APARTMENT SO THAT HIS TWO SMALL SONS WILL HAVE A PLACE TO STAY WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

FLOYD R. LASHBROOK, FORMER TRAFFIC DEPT. AT NOME, NOW A DISPATCHER IN THE FLIGHT OPERATIONS UNIT. FLOYD, MRS. LASHBROOK AND THEIR YOUNG SON ARE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE OR APARTMENT. WHO ISN'T?

THE NEW BEECHCRAFT AT-7'S THAT CHRIS LITTLE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS, AND AL HONNING, CHIEF OF OUR FLIGHT INSPECTION UNIT, BROUGHT UP FROM THE STATES. EARLY IN APRIL AL TOOK NC 12, THE CESSNA HE'D BEEN FLYING FOR OVER TWO YEARS, BACK TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WE'VE BEEN KEEPING OUR FINGERS CROSSED EVER SINCE, AND NOW WE HAVE THE USE OF THE TWO FINE PATROL PLANES.

JACK JEFFORD HAS SPOTTED A NATURAL LANDING STRIP THAT CAN BE USED AS AN ALTERNATE FOR ONE OF OUR MORE ISOLATED STATIONS. "JEFFORD FIELD" DOES NOT CLAIM TO RIVAL THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, BUT JACK HAS LANDED THERE THREE TIMES WITH THE DC-3, AND JIM HURST HAS BEEN THERE WITH THE BOEING. THEY REPORT THAT THE STRIP HAS A VERY SATISFACTORY SURFACE AND IS A GOOD SPOT TO KNOW ABOUT IN A COUNTRY WHERE AIRPORTS ARE STILL FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.

SINCE THEIR CHIEF MARRIED A GOOD COOK, THE FLIGHT OPERATIONS UNIT HAS BEEN OUT OF ABOUT HIS FIGURE. BOB JACKSON, THOUGH, AS HE WON'T WORRY UNTIL HE SCRAPES BOTH SIDES OF HIS ARM CHAIR WHEN HE SITS DOWN.

CONTINUATION OF BIG DELTA FROM PAGE 4

ONE OF THE GREATEST DISADVANTAGES OF TRAINING AN OPERATOR BY WAY OF THE TRAINING CLASSES OF ANCHORAGE AND SEATTLE IS THAT IT SEEMS THE TITLE "TRAINEE" WILL ALWAYS BE APPLIED TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS AT ONE TIME BEEN THROUGH ONE OF THESE PROCESSING UNITS. MAYBE THE RO COULD HELP OUT IN THE MATTER BY ISSUING SOME SORT OF A CIRCULAR STATING THAT AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OPERATING ABILITY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY A TRAINEE HE WILL THEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS AN OPERATOR AND NOT A TRAINEE. LIKE THE CIRCULAR LETTER THAT SAID AN AEROPLANE IS NO LONGER A SHIP, BUT AN AIRCRAFT.

WELL, EVERYONE HERE KEEPS THEIR PERSONAL SECRETS FROM ME, SO I HAVE NO MORE TO REVEAL.

FROM WOODY ISLAND - HE CREEP OUT OF THE FOG
LONG ENOUGH TO EXTEND GREETINGS TO YOU LESS
FORTUNATE BROTHERS SCATTERED AROUND THE CIRCUIT

THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING HERE ON WOODY
SINCE HE LAST APPEARED IN PRINT. WE ARE WELL
ESTABLISHED IN OUR NEW CONTROL BUILDING AND A
LONG CONCERN FOR THE CIRCUITS WHICH WERE
HANDLED TO US ALONG WITH THE BUILDING.

IT HAS TAKEN A LOT OF HARD WORK TO EFFECT
THE CHANGE OVER AND BOTH MAINTENANCE AND RADIO
ESTABLISHMENT AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION HAVE PUT
A LONG HOURS AND PLENTY OF EFFORT TO GET US
IN THE AIR IN TIME TO BEAT OUR DEADLINE.
ORCHIDS TO THEM.

FRED NAYER, THE BULL OF THE WOODS (C/O TO
US), HAD WORN A PERMANENT FROWN INTO HIS
STEP-HEAD - FROM DEEP THOUGHT - BURNED PLENTY OF
MIDNIGHT OIL, AND WORN OUT SEVERAL SETS OF
BLUEPRINTS BEFORE HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE
CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENTS AND THE VARIOUS OPERATING
PROCEDURES AND WENT TO GIVE THE GO-AHEAD SIGN
TO THE MAN WHO THREW THE SWITCH.

AND THE OPERATORS - WELL, YOU ALL KNOW THE
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A PLEASURE TO GO TO WORK NOW. ALTHO' IF THE RO
AD - THIS I HAVE MY FINGERS CROSSED. BUT IT
IS A FACT THAT BEFORE WE MOVED WE WERE ONLY
REASONABLY SURE OF HEARING HQ ABOUT EVERY
OTHER TUESDAY, AND NOW WE HAVE THE OWNS ON A
TAP TO PREVENT SHEEP MOUNTAIN SIGNALS FROM
BLASTING OUR HEADS OFF, AND WE RELAX. NOT
REALLY WE USUALLY HEAR TOO MANY SIGNALS AND ALL
AT THE SAME TIME. WE DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF
COMPETITION.

HOWEVER, ITS A SWELL SET-UP AND WE INVITE
ANY OF YOU OYED-IN-THE-WOOL OW GUYS WHO LIKE
TO STRUT YOUR STUFF TO BID ON WOODY IF THE OP
PORTUNITY EVER PRESENTS ITSELF. YOU'LL BE IN
HOT COMPANY.

IMPORTANT PERSONAGES COME TO VISIT US AND
INSPECT OUR EQUIPMENT. THAT'S WHY THEY COME.
THE REASON THEY STAY A LITTLE LONGER THAN
NECESSARY AND MANAGE TO COME BACK AT THE FIRST
OPPORTUNITY SEEMS TO BE CENTERED IN THE MESS
HALL. WE BELIEVE THAT IN OUR COOK AND HER ASS
STANT, WE ARE BLESSED FAR ABOVE ORDINARY PEOPLE
SO HAVE TO EAT JUST ORDINARY FOOD. "COOKIE"
IS US AND ALL THE OLD TIMERS IN ALASKA, SHE IS
MRS. ALICE WERNER TO HER BANK AND WAS CANNY
ENOUGH TO COME TO ALASKA LONG BEFORE THE
NUMBERING HEAD WHO WAS JUST BEGINNING TO
GET TO THE PLACE. IN SPITE OF SEVEN TWELVE-

AND EVERY BEEN AND THE SAVENOUS APPET
ITES OF THE GANG - OF WHOM A FORMER COOK SAID,
"THEY EAT LIKE SHOVEL PUNKS!" - COOKIE IS ALWAYS
BEING PITCHING (APPROPRIATE, HEY!) AND MAN-
AGES TO LOOK AS THOUGH SHE HAD JUST DRESSED UP
ENTERTAINING HER BRIDGE CLUB AT ANY HOUR OF
THE DAY. A LARGE CONSORE OF ORCHIDS TO HER!

COMMUNICATE (ION) (IONS) (OR), HISTORY OF

TREADING FURTHER INTO ANTE-DILUVIAN ANTI-
QUITY, WE VERY GRACEFULLY ACCOMPLISH A NEAR
AND POLISHED SAUTER DE LA POELE SUR LA BRAISE
WHILE IN SEARCH OF RUMORED FACTS CONCERNING
THE GENUS COMMUNICATOR AND AFTER EXERTING A
TREMENDOUS EFFORT IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT A
LOGICAL AND ORDERLY NIGRESCENCE INTO AN ERA
CIRCA PALEOLITHIC, WE SUDDENLY ENCOUNTER THE
STARK REALISM THAT IN ORDER TO PROPERLY INTER-
PRET THE PALIMPSEST OF SPECIE CONCERNED WE
MUST NECESSARILY UNDERGO A PALINGENESIS AND
ALTER OUR MODUS OPERANDI ACCORDINGLY.

WITH THE FLAMING RUINS OF THE DESTROYED
GREGIAN FLEET LIGHTING OUR PATHWAY, WE SET
ALONG THE RETURN TRIP DOWN THROUGH ANTIQUITY
SEARCHING FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMUNICATOR
PERIODS. SUDDENLY FINDING OURSELVES EN-
GULFED IN A HAZE OF AMBIGUITY WHICH IS I TU-
RNT WITH POSSIBILITIES, WE WEND OUR WAY
THROUGH SHREDS OF ANCIENT HIEROGLYPHIC
THEORETICAL HISTORY AND COME FACE TO FACE WITH
HOMBRE HOMUNCULUS AND PROCEED FROM THERE.

IN THESE DAYS THE GREAT PAVED STRIP OF
HIGHWAY WINDING AND WENDING LIKE A GLASS
RIBBON OF PHANTASY ACROSS THE COBI WERE THINGS
AS YET UNHEARD OF. IN TIME, IT BECAME APPAR-
ENT TO THE RULES THAT THE CAMEL BEING
BEAST OF BURDEN, WAS A BURDEN TO THE EFFICIENT
FUNCTIONING OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. UN-
DER HIM AS A MEDIUM TO AN END, THE CIRCUITS
WERE OVERLOADED. THERE WAS TOO MUCH TIME
DELAY BETWEEN THE TIME OF TRANSMISSION AND
RECEIPT, OR TO PUT IT MORE SUITLY, THE STRAY
THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK, ALBEIT HE WAS
STEADY COMMUNICATOR, AND TO THIS DAY ALL
COMMUNICATORS RETAIN SOME OF THE INHERENT
ABILITIES OF THE BACTRIAN MAMMAL IN THAT BOTH
CAN GO FOR DAYS WITHOUT WATER.

NOT DESIRING TO REMAIN IN THE DUSTY DESERT,
WE PROCEED TO THE DIRTY DESSERT AND TAKING
ANOTHER HYPO EMERGE IN THE MISTY DAWN OF AN
AUTUMN DAY IN MAY, NEAR MANDALAY, WITH A TIGER
A DAY. IT SEEMS THAT AMONG THE PRIMITIVE
NATIVES OF THAT LAND, NO MEANS OF FAST COMMUN-
ICATIONS WERE AVAILABLE, UNTIL ONE DAY A GRAY
WHOSE MONIKER SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SIRAN PAINTED
TWO BLACK STRIPS ON A FELIS TIGRESS AND DIS-
PATCHED IT JUNGLE-WARD, HEADED IN THE GENERAL
DIRECTION OF HIS LADY FAIR. THE LADY, UPON
SEEING THE NICE KITTY, IMMEDIATELY NOTICED THE
STRIPES AND RECOGNIZING THE HANDWRITING OF SIR
"AMOUR DE JUNGLE" DEPARTED POST WASTE TO THE
TREE TOP. HENCE, THE OLD SAYING: "THERE ARE
TWO STRIPES ON YOU BEFORE YOU START".

TO BE CONTINUED

AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE HAVE TIME FOR
NEXT TIME WE HOPE TO DESCRIBE THE
OUT NIGHT NIMROD, SO GARDNER, AND THE
PROJECTS OF ROSIE ROSENEAU, AS WELL AS THE
MANY AND DIVERSE HAPPENINGS IN OUR LIVES THAT
YOU JUST WON'T BELIEVE.

"NORTHWAY"
AS THE CRITICS SEE US

HI, GUYS AND GALS! LONG TIME NO SPEAK..
WIM COME TO LIFE UNTIL BIG TALK. JUST RECEIVED
THE MUKTEL THIS MOON AND AS WE AMOLED THROUGH
THE PAGES ONE BY ONE WE NOTICED THAT THERE WAS
HARRY A MITE ON OR ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL LIFE
PLACE WHICH IS NOW CALLED NORTHWAY (I HEAR
THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL FANCY NAMES FOR IT)
HELL, REGARDLESS IF NUBODY MISSED US, WE ARE
SORRY WE SLIPPED UP ON THE JOB.

HERE IS THE LOWDOWN ON OUR COMMISSARY.
UNDERNEATH THE CONTROL BUILDING IS A DUGOUT
THING THAT IS CALLED A CELLAR OR BASEMENT.
WELL, IN THIS PLACE THAT HAS WOODEN WALLS AND
FLOORS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT AND ALL, AND WE MUST
NOT FORGET THE ROOF WHICH IS THE RADIO SHACK,
AND LONG ROWS OF SHELVES WITH ALL THE FINEST OF
FOOD ARTICLES STACKED NEATLY ON THEM. WHENEVER
ANYONE NEEDS OR DESIRES SOMETHING FROM THE PLACE
ALL WE HAS TO DO IS JAUNT TO THE RMS'S DESK,
OPEN IT UP AND PLUCK OUT THE RIGHT KEY TO
THE STORE, PICK UP THE THINGS YOU WANT, WRITE
IT DOWN ON YOUR OWN BILL, AND SCOOT. AT THE
END OF THE MONTH THE SECRETARY TO THE RMS
TURNS 'EM UP AND MAILS 'EM TO THE OFFICE. ALL
THIS IS ARE MIGHTY PROUD 'O' THE PLACE AND WE BE
SURE GLAD THAT RMS BILL FEGUES DID SO MUCH WORK
ON IT.

SAY, ZEMAN OLD JOY, WHAT THINK YOU OF FX?...
REMEMBER WHEN YOU CLEANED UP YOUR HOUSE JUST
BEFORE YOU LEFT? YOU DID GO AT 'EM UCLEANIN' A
BIT STRONG, AND THE NEXT MORNING YOU COULD SCARCE
WALK. NOW THAT YOU'RE OK AGAIN WE CAN LAUGH AT
THE SCENES. POOR ZEMAN WALKING TO THE HOUSE TO
GET A CUP OF COFFEE FOR HIS MORALE AND IN ORDER
TO MAKE IT, HE HAD TO USE AN OLD STICK FOR A
CANE. STOPPED OVER THAT, IT TOOK HIM ABOUT TEN
MINUTES TO WALK THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE BLOCK.
BUT THAT'S OKAY, KARL, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN D.
B. BROWN ABOUT A WEEK AGO. I STILL DON'T KNOW
THE WHOLE STORY, BUT BEFORE WE KNEW IT, HE COULD
SCARCELY HOBBLE. WE ROASTED HIS FOOT IN STEAMING
HOT SALT WATER AND STILL WHEN HE TRIED TO
GET DOWN THE STEPS HE FELL AND SKINNED HIS NOSE.
FOR "DAR". BUT HE, TOO, IS ON RECOVERY ROAD.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN 'SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH!
LATELY..WHAT DOES ON, - SABBOTAGE? REMEMBER HE
WHO CAUSES THE MORALE TO DROP IS ONE 'O' THOSE
GUYS WHO CAUSES SABBOTAGE. WE ENJOYED THE
CELLAR WHEN DO WE GET A TASTE OF IT AGAIN?

AND HERE IS JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING MORE:
SAY, KP, WHEN IS THAT MASTERPIECE "DITTYBUMDUM-
DITTY JONES" GONNA APPEAR IN THE TIME HONORED
PAGES OF YE' OLDE MUKLUK TELECHART? COME, COME
MIND. ONE MAN CANNOT DEPRIVE HUMANITY OF SUCH
WONDERFUL WORK. AND SOMETHING ELSE, KP, WHAT
DO YOU NEED TO YOUR WEATHER MEN? THE WEATHER OUT-
LET HERE AT RM TOOK TOP HONORS ON SOMEKIND OF
JOB WORK. TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T
KNOW HOW, THOUGH...HOW, IF THEY SEE THIS, THEY
MIGHT RAISE THE ROOF AND LEAVE US TO FREEZE TO
DEATH THIS WINTER. A GREAT MANY TALES OF THE
BEST COUNTRY TEXAS HAVE BEEN FLOATIN' AROUND
HERE SINCE WEATHERMAN WES IRVIN HAS ARRIVED
ON KRM FROM HIS VACATION (ISN'T THAT A FINE WORD,
W. GANG?). NOW, THOUGH, WHO OTHER OF THAT
WEATHER OUTFIT ARE STRAINING AT THE LEASES
WAITING THEIR OUTING TO THE STATES. NOW

THINGS ARE BEING COMPLICATED A BIT BECAUSE
PERSONNEL SHORTAGES. AND TO THINK THAT WEAT
IS JUST BEGINNING TO FEEL THE PINCH. NOW IT
IS THAT 56 HOURS A WEEK STACKING UP, GUYS AND GALS!

NORTHWAY ACCORDS ARE PUTTING THE "GOOD BEHAV-
IOR POLICY" TO WORK. WE CONTACT SNAG, "THE
TERRITORY, FOR WEATHER, AND WE ALL LIKE THE
THEY SAY "SNAG OUT". REALLY, IT HAS A
FINESSE THAT A TEXAN OR GEORGIAN COULD NEVER
GIVE IT. THEY RHYME IT WITH "DOOT".

YOU KNOW--I THINK MR. PLANCK SORTA LIKES THE
NAIL ON THE HEAD IN HIS "WHY NOT ENJOY
ALASKAN ASSIGNMENT". NOTHING WORSE
STATION FULL OF GRIPERS. PARTICULARLY
THEY ASKED FOR IT. DOESN'T TAKE SO MUCH
TO BE HAPPY, JUST A BIT OF INITIATIVE. HOW
TRYING SOME OF THE NATIVE ARTS?

ALL PERSONNEL AT THE STATION POOLED RE-
SOURCES FOR A HIGHLY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.
THE PLACE TEEMED WITH IDEAS, AND EVERYTHING
IN READINESS FOR A GREAT DAY. BUT, AS THE
FOURTHS GO, IT RAINED; SO DIGGING DEEP IN THE
BAG OF TRICKS WE MOVED TO A NEARLY OCCUPIED
QUARTERS OF ONE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU BAKERS
AND HELD FORTH IN GREAT STYLE. CHIEF COOKS
WERE LUCILE SPEER AND MARY GRAHAM SLINGING A
WICKED HAMBURGER. TALL STORY HONORS ARE BEING
CONTESTED, OFF THE RECORD OPINIONS SAY A LOT
FOR MARGE MASLIN AND BILL FEGUES. GENE PASTER
TOOK A BAKERS HOLIDAY AS THE PARTY WORE ON.

HAVING A RECORD FOR MORE PEOPLE COMING AND
GOING THAN MOST PLACES WE MUST ADD THE NAMES OF
THE GORDONS, DORIS AND RUFUS, TO THE LIST OF
JUST DEPARTED. WITH THE WEATHER BUREAU, WE
LOST THEM TO THE CALL OF THE NORTH AND POINT
BARROW. AND SOME PEOPLE THINK THIS IS TOO FAR
NORTH!

ALMOST FORGOT--THAT ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE
PERFECT VACATION SPOT. NORTHWAY HAS IT ACCORD-
ING TO LOCAL OPINION. SWIMMING HOLE AT THE
BACKDOOR PLUS SOME GAME AND PLENTY OF BOATING
IF YOU HAVE THE ENERGY. ALL WE LACK IS HORSES.
HAD AN OFFER THE OTHER DAY OF SOME BUT THEY
TURNED OUT TO BE A BIT ON THE WOODEN SIDE
AT THE PRESENT BEING USED BY CARPENTERS SO
THAT IDEA UP. CAN YOU BLAME US?

ALL FOR THIS TIME.

ORGANIZATION

IS THE

ART OF GETTING MEN AND WOMEN
TO RESPOND LIKE THOROUGHBORES

WHEN YOU CLUCK TO A
THOROUGHBORE, HE GIVES
ALL THE SPEED, STRENGTH OF HEART
AND SWEAT IN HIM.

WHEN YOU CLUCK TO A JACKASS,
HE KICKS.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

FAIRBANKS AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL

AIR TRAFFIC INSPECTOR DICK PARKS, FORMER CHIEF CONTROLLER AT "OUR GARDEN SPOT OF THE FRONTIER" PACKED HIS BAGS, HOPPED A CARGO PLANE EDMONTON BOUND AND WAS OFF ON A LITTLE VACATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CARRY HIM CLEAR DOWN INTO DIXIE LAND. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS "LEAVE" ASSIGNMENT, DICK WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER. SO LONG, YOU TWO-THIRDS "SOURDOUGH". YOU HELPED LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A "NEW ORDER" IN AIR TRAFFIC WORK IN ALASKA. WE ALL LIKED YOU AND WILL MISS YOU CONSIDERABLY.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR HAPPY AND SLOWLY GROWING LITTLE FAMILY CONSIST OF NEWLY PROMOTED

SENIOR CONTROLLERS ERVIN ZIEMKE, EX-... FIELD TOWER, AND ROBERT A. RIEDEL, EX-... FIELD TOWER. OUR GOOD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, JAMES F. "THE PROFESSOR" HUMPHRIES, HAS TRANSFERRED FROM FAIRBANKS CENTER TO THE ANCHORAGE CENTER. BY THE WAY, IS THE ANCHORAGE A. T. CENTER STILL IN OPERATION? WE NEVER HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THE PLACE - IN FACT HAD PLUMB FROTTEN IT WAS THERE TILL WE HEARD "THE PROFESSOR" WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THAT OFFICE. CHIEF CONTROLLER SOHLEN IS ENDEAVORING TO "LOCATE" A SPARE TIRE AND WHEEL FOR THE FOUR-WHEELED "WHAT-IS-IT". ANY OF YOU READERS KNOW WHERE WE CAN GET ONE - ON A "M. R."?

THE BALLAD OF CHARLIE MCGOFFUS

AN ANONYMOUS POEM QUOTED FROM "THE FEDERAL ARCHITECT"
(WITH A FEW SLIGHT ALTERATIONS)

A FIELD ENGINEER NAMED CHARLIE MCGOFFUS,
WORKED ALL DAY IN THE FIELD AND ALL NIGHT IN THE OFFICE,
CHECKING CONTRACTS AND VOUCHERS AND ESTIMATES TOO,
TO BE PICKED ALL TO BITS BY THE ANCHORAGE CREW.

FOR THE BOYS IN HQ IN THEIR DOUBLE-LENSED SPECS,
THEIR SALLOW COMPLEXIONS AND FRIED COLLAR NECKS,
CARE NOT FOR THE TIME NOR THE MONEY THEY WASTE,
IF A COMMA IS MISSING, A COMMA MISPLACED,
AND THEY SOUNCE BACK THE PAPER WITH ILL-CONCEALED JEERS,
TO HARASS THE HARD-WORKING ENGINEERS.

TO GET BACK TO CHARLIE, HE STRUGGLED ALONG,
TILL AN ACHIE IN HIS HEAD TOLD HIM SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
HE WENT TO THE DOCTOR AND "DOCTOR", SAID HE,
"THERE'S A BUZZ IN MY BRAIN. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?"

WELL, THE MEDIC THUMPED AS MEDICOS DO,
AND HE TESTED HIS PULSE AND HIS REFLEXES, TOO,
AND HIS HEAD AND HIS HEART AND HIS THROAT, AND EACH LUNG,
AND CHARLIE SAID "AH" AND HE STUCK OUT HIS TONGUE;
THEN THE DOCTOR SAID "GOD, WHAT A NARROW ESCAPE,
BUT A QUICK OPERATION WILL PUT YOU IN SHAPE."

"YOUR BRAIN'S OVERWORKED LIKE A MOTOR RUN DOWN,
AND YOU'RE FLIRTING WITH DEATH EVERY TIME YOU TURN AROUND.
I MUST TAKE OUT YOUR BRAIN FOR COMPLETE OVERHAULING;
IN THE INTERIM, TAKE A RESPITE FROM YOUR COLLING."

SO CHARLIE MCGOFFUS WENT UNDER THE KNIFE,
HE STRUGGLED HOME BRAINLESS AND KISSED HIS OWN WIFE,
WHILE "OLD DOCTOR" LOMIS AND TWO OTHER MEN
WERE PUTTING HIS BRAIN IN ORDER AGAIN.
WELL, THE WEEKS ROLLED ALONG AND CHARLIE MCGOFFUS
NEVER CALLED FOR HIS BRAIN AT THE MEDIC'S OFFICE.

THE DOCTOR GOT WORRIED, GAVE CHARLIE A RING,
SAID, "YOU'D BETTER COME OVER AND GET THE DAMNED THING!"
"THANKS, DOC, I DON'T NEED IT", SAID CHARLIE MCGOFFUS;
"I'M BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE."

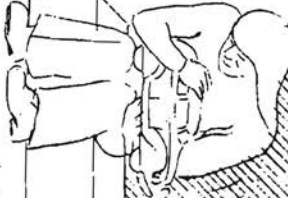
SO CHARLIE NOW WEARS A FRIED COLLAR TO WORK,
AND HE HIDES IN THE LAIRS WHERE THE AUDITORS LURK.
AND HIS LETTERS BRING TREMORS OF ANGER AND FEAR
TO THE HEART OF EACH HARD-WORKING FIELD ENGINEER,
AND THE PRIDE AND THE JOE OF THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE,
IF BRAINLESS, PREDACIOUS, YOUNG CHARLIE MCGOFFUS.



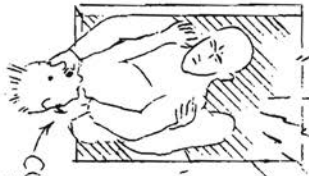
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