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AIRWAYS ENGINEERING NEWS

SIGNALS BRANCH

WE ARE ALL HAPPY TO WELCOME "BUCK" CULVER SAFELY BACK FROM HIS SOJOURN IN THE STATES. IT SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES TO HEAR HIS DEEP MELODIOUS VOICE AROUND THE OFFICE ONCE MORE. "BUCK" HAS VERY CAPABLY TAKEN OVER AS OUR NEW ASSISTANT BRANCH CHIEF.

IT'S MIGHTY HEARTENING TO SEE OUR ENGINEERS RETURNING FROM THE STATES, AND TO KNOW THAT ALASKA STILL HAS ITS ALLURE. H. L. GAY SEEMED RATHER HAPPY TO BE BACK AFTER SPENDING A MONTH IN SEATTLE, WHERE HE HELPED WITH THE APD INVENTORY. IT SEEMS THAT ONE CAN'T GET OUT OF SEATTLE THESE DAYS VIA ARMY WITHOUT A SHOT IN THE ARM - TO BE CONTINUED HERE AT HQ. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO BAD, SINCE MR. GAY TALKED ENGINEERS BRANS, WILDER, RUSSELL, MOSIER, AND KISOUAK INTO ACCOMPANYING HIM TO THE POST. IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THE EFFECT, AFTER THEIR RETURN - RED, WHITE AND GREEN FACES ALL OVER THE OFFICE. IT'LL BE JUST TOO BAD NOW IF THERE'S ANY SMALLPOX, TYPHOID AND SUCH AROUND HERE.

A FEW MORE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES TO REPORT - JOHN FANNING FROM NORTHWAY, AND ED BLAIR FROM SUMMIT AND POINTS NORTH. BLAIR HAS TAKEN OFF AGAIN FOR THE FIELDS. ARE WE THAT B.I.D., ED?

WHAT'S THIS WE HEAR ABOUT URSULA STRICKER LEAVING URSULA SOMETHING ELSE? WELL, URSIE? SHE'S ALSO DESERTING US FOR YE OLD PORTLAND AND SUNNY CALIFORNIA BEFORE, VERY LONG, DARN IT!

JULIUS HAD QUITE A COLLECTION OF LEFT-OVERS FROM THE CAA PARTY - HATS, SHIRTS, AND EVEN--- WELL, THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. WE'RE WONDERING WHOSE BACK YARD IS NOW ADORNED WITH DAVE DISHAW'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DECORATIONS FOR THE CAA SADIE HAWKINS DANCE.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE OUR JOVIAL MOSE MILLER BACK IN THE HARNESS AGAIN AFTER A THREE WEEKS STAY "OUTSIDE". MOSE WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TO GET BACK TO HIS WIFE THAT HE LEFT THE BOAT IN LAGUNA TO FLY TO HQ, AND FINALLY ARRIVED, TWO DAYS AFTER THE BOAT DID. TOUGH LUCK?

THE BOYS AROUND THE OFFICE ARE ALL WONDERING WHO THE SWEET LITTLE VOICE BELONGS, THE ONE WHO CALLS UP THREE OR FOUR TIMES DAILY TO ASK MR. RAYNARD "ROBERT" TAYLOR.

GREETINGS TO JACK REICH, FRANK CERVENKA, THADDEUS BRYAN, JIMMY LIPSCOMB, BOB PHERRIN AND OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND. HELLO! HELLO! HELLO!

FRANK HAS RETURNED TO US FROM NONE AFTER A CHILLY VISIT AND A TUSSEL WITH GERMS. WELCOME HOME!

JIMMY IS OUR "WANDERING BOY" WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING AROUND THE STATES FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS. WE ARE WONDERING WHETHER JIMMY MISSES ALASKA OR MESSES ALASKA. HAVE YOU SEEN THAT SLING?

BECAUSE IT ISN'T EVERY DAY ONE HAS THE HONOR OF FLYING WITH SO DISTINGUISHED A PERSON AS SCREEN STAR OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, WE THINK IT WORTHY OF NOTE THAT BOB PHERRIN AND MISS DE HAVILLAND WERE PASSENGERS ON THE SAME PLANE ENROUTE FROM SEATTLE TO ANCHORAGE RECENTLY.

THOSE KNEES JOAN ANDERSON WORE TO THE S. H. PARTY ON FEBRUARY 25TH WEREN'T MAKE-BELIEVE. AN ICY SNOW BANK IN BACK OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING HELPED GIVE AUTHENTICITY. JOAN GOES FOR REALISM IN A BIG WAY.

SPEAKING OF REALISM, SECTION 99 HAS PRODUCED A FIRE HAZARD IN THE FORM OF "HERBIE" ALDRIDGE'S WASTE BASKET. ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, LAST WEEK, FLAMES AROSE FROM THE DEPTHS AS MR. AL WAS SEEN DASHING FRANTICALLY AROUND TRYING TO DOUSE THE FIRE WITH ICE WATER. IN AN INSTANT THE DANGER HAD GONE - THE FIRE WAS OUT. CONGRATULATIONS!

ANOTHER NOTE CONCERNING THE SUCCESSFUL SADIE HAWKINS DANCE - HAD THERE BEEN ANY PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE CHOICEST COSTUME, IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT MR. STONE WOULD HAVE WALKED OFF WITH SAME. EVEN HIS INTIMATE FRIENDS FAILED TO RECOGNIZE HIM UNTIL THE BETTER PART OF THE EVENING HAD PASSED.

ARNOLD FRANCIS AND FAMILY HAVE ARRIVED AT WOODY ISLAND, WHERE MR. FRANCIS WILL TAKE OVER THE DUTIES OF PMS. 99 IS GOING TO MISS HIS FRIENDLY COUNTERPART.

MESSRS. SOLICK AND COLLINS, TWO OF OUR PMS'S RESPECTIVELY, ARE NOW ENROUTE BACK TO THE STATES TO RESUME THEIR FORMER POSITIONS.

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## RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE

THE ANNUAL WAR FUND DRIVE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS NOW UNDER WAY. AS WE GO INTO THE THIRD YEAR OF THE GREATEST CONFLICT IN HISTORY, WORLD WAR II IS MAKING UNPRECEDENTED DEMANDS UPON THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH RECEIVES ITS ENTIRE SUPPORT FROM THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

DUE TO THE VASTLY INCREASED AND CONSTANTLY INCREASING DEMANDS FOR ITS SERVICES ON A WORLD-WIDE SCALE, THE RED CROSS IS ASKING ALL TO CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR. WE CANNOT URGE YOU TOO STRONGLY TO GIVE MORE GENEROUSLY THAN EVER BEFORE TO THIS ORGANIZATION WHOSE WORK WITH AND FOR OUR ARMED FORCES DOES SO MUCH IN ALLEVIATING HUMAN MISERY IN THIS WAR-TORN WORLD. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO FIGHT. DON'T MISS IT.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN  
REGIONAL MANAGER

## RANDOM NOTES ON A TRIP TO BARRON

R. D. MCCREE

MONDAY: OFF TO AN EARLY START FROM HQ..... SMOOTH SAILING TO YO, BUT AFTER TAKING ON CAPACITY LOAD FOR WALES, THE LEFT ENGINE RUNS ROUGH SO TWO OF US OFFLOAD.....WAITING AT YO CONTROL WHEN NC 14 REPORTS RETURNING ON ONE ENGINE..... AT THE FIELD CRASH CREWS AND OPERATIONS OFFICERS WATCH THE APPROACH, COMMENTING "HE'S COMING IN TOO HIGH", "HE'S TOO LOW" AND THEN IN CHORUS, "GOSH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LANDING".....

TUESDAY: FOR A WHOLE DAY HAP HONAN (FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA), JOHN BROCKLISS (DOUGLAS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE) AND OUR CREW WORK ON ENGINE OUTDOORS IN 15 BELOW WEATHER. FOR MY DOG THAT'S AN ALL TIME HIGH IN COOPERATION... THE NEW TYPE AIRCRAFT HEATERS ARE THE BERRIES..

WEDNESDAY: ON TEST HOP EVERYTHING SEEMS O. K., SO WE LOAD ON 2 TONS OF FOOD FOR WEATHER BUREAU PERSONNEL AND TAKE OFF FOR BARRON.....WE SEE KOTZELVE FROM 10,000.....OVER THE BROOKS RANGE THE ENGINE STARTS TO BLOOP, BLOOP BUT DOESN'T QUIT (SUGGEST THAT NOSE OF 14 BE EQUIPPED WITH THUMB AND FOUR FINGERS SO ENGINES WON'T WORRY EVERYONE PINGING OFF RAZZBERRIES).. AS WE NEAR BARRON, THEY FIRE UP AN OLD TRANSMITTER FOR US TO DF ON, AND WHEN WE BREAK OUT OF THE OVERCAST AT 800, THERE IS BARRON RIGHT IN THE NOSE.....WE USE ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE 5000 FEET MARKED OFF BY OIL DRUMS INTERSPERSED WITH ATOLS.....THE ENTIRE POPULATION, INCLUDING DOGS, ARE OUT TO MEET US. LATER WE LEARN THAT

A SERIES OF LONG RINGS ON THE TELEPHONE MEAN "AIRCRAFT APPROACHING".....A POLAR BEAR WAS SHOT ON THE BEACH NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE WD QUARTERS USED TO BE. OCCASIONALLY ONE WANDERS THROUGH THE VILLAGE, WE ARE TOLD, BUT IT'S USUALLY ONE WAY TRIP FOR THE BEAR.....ALL WD PERSONNEL COOPERATE IN PUTTING ON A SWELL REINDEER FEAST COMPLETE WITH ICE, CREAM AND CAKE...IN THE EVENINGS WE SPEND SEVERAL MOST INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE HOURS WITH CHARLIE BROKER AND TOAS' HIS HEALTH WITH HIS LIQUOR, LISTEN TO THE FINE MUSIC BOX MADE IN USA (THE GREAT GRANDFATHER OF ALL JUKE BOXES) AND INSPECT HIS TROPHIES AT THE POOL TABLE THE GANG PLAYS ON EVERY MONDAY EVENING.....HIS SON DAVE RUNS THE PD AND ACCORDS DATES US BY PUTTING THE BARRON CANCELLATION STAMP ON POSTCARDS FOR SOUVENIRS.....WE STOP AT THE RADIO STATION AND INSPECT THE TRANSMITTER WE DF'ED ON. A MUSEUM PIECE, BUT WE'RE GLAD I WAS AT BARRON INSTEAD OF THE SMITHSONIAN WHEN WE WERE COMING IN. THEY HAVE MODERN EQUIPMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS BUT NOT IN THE RANGE OF OUR DF RECEIVERS.....FRESH BAKED GROWNIES AND MORE ICE CREAM FOR THE WHOLE GANG AT THE PARSONAGE.. JEFFERSON OF THE WD AND I STAY OVERNIGHT AND HAVE BREAKFAST WITH REV. AND MRS. KLEREKOPE AND HEAR MANY MORE INTERESTING FACTS AND EXPERIENCES. HIS PARISH INCLUDES WAINWRIGHT AN DEMARCATION POINT, AND HE COVERS IT ALL AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, USUALLY BY DOG TEAM.....COOL

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HAVING PERUSED THE CHEERFUL GLEANINGS FROM HIS LITTLE KINGDOM, OLD KING ABLE THINKS IT ABOUT TIME TO SPEAK A FEW WORDS OF WISDOM. SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WE READ AND REREAD THE HINTS TO ASPIRING CONTRIBUTORS IN THE LAST MUKLUK, AND ALTHOUGH FEELING A BIT SHY AT OUR FIRST ATTEMPT, THINK WE CAN BRIGHTEN UP OUR COZY CORNER, ANYWAY. 'SPECIALLY SINCE THE CEMO HAS TAKEN THE MONITORING DUTIES OFF OUR HANDS AND WE NO LONGER HAVE TO SLINK AROUND LOOKING FOR THOSE LITTLE REMINDERS TO ENTER ON FORM 223. BOYS AND GIRLS, WHAT A RELIEF!

HOW ABOUT AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR GANG? PARSONS AND GILMORE, OUR CHIEF AND ASSISTANT RESPECTIVELY, TAKE A BOW! THEN THERE'S PAPA McNICHOL, WHOSE CLAIM TO FAME IS FOUND IN BABY SON DAVID, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE CAA COMMUNITY AT KA. MEET THE YOUNGSTERS, PATTY AND HERB BRAZIL AND ERNIE HURD, WHO'S HEARD PRETTY REGULARLY, BY THE WAY. WE WON'T FORGET CARBON, THE ALL-AROUND. (AND WE MEAN ALL AROUND) CAA DOG. THAT'S THE GANG, FOLKS, ALTHOUGH WE HEAR WE ARE TO EXPECT A NEW COUPLE. SO WELCOME WILL THEY BE THAT EVERY TIME WE GET A PX ON NC 18 THE WELCOME COMMITTEE RUNS HOME AND DONS CLEAN SHIRTS AND NECKTIES AND BEATS IT BACK TO THE AIRPORT IN NO TIME FLAT. WELL, SO FAR ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TRAINEES BUT WE "AIN'T SEEN NONE".

NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. WE'RE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE TO ALL YOU BOYS AND GIRLS ON 302 THAT NO LONGER CAN THE OPERATOR ON DUTY BE MADE TO SQUIRM IN HIS SEAT AND TEAR HIS HAIR IN AGONY WHEN HALF THE CIRCUIT BEGINS YELLING "OP!" AT HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS LONG BROADCAST. THANKS TO OUR PRE, MEL LUNDQUIST, THE BROADCAST POSITION HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED WITH THE SCHEDULE B POSITION, AND NOW THE OPERATOR ON CIRCUIT CAN GET IN AN EXTRA LICK WHILE SOME OF THE BEST OF YOU ARE BROADCASTING. NO MORE OF THIS "USING TO HOLLER BACK "BDC" SIX OR MORE TIMES DURING THE 48 MINUTE SCHEDULE WHILE SOMEONE DOWN THE LINE CHUCKLES DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT-DIT.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF GRIEFS, THE WEATHER BOYS HERE HAVE THEIR UPS AND DOWNS. THEY WONDER IF SOME ENTERPRISING PERSON WON'T INVENT A RAIN GAUGE CALIBRATED TO MEASURE THE RAIN GAUGE OVERFLOW WHICH OCCURS BETWEEN OBSERVATIONS. AND WE'D ADVISE ANY OPERATORS WHO SID ON KA IN THE FUTURE TO BRUSH UP ON THEIR FANCY STROKES, 'CAUSE NO TELLING WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SWIM TO WORK. HONESTLY, FOLKS, THINGS LOOKED PRETTY BAD A FEW WEEKS BACK WHEN PRECIPITATION KEPT OUR FIELD IN A ZERO-ZERO STATUS SO LONG THAT AN AIRCRAFT BECAME A PARE SIGHT, AND WE LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW ONE DAY TO SEE A BOVOTE WALKING NONCHALANTLY DOWN THE CENTER OF THE RUNWAY. GILMORE GAVE HIM THE RED LIGHT, THOUGH, AND HE OBEDIENTLY LOPED OFF INTO THE WOODS. MUST HAVE BEEN STUDYING UP ON HIS AIRPORT CONTROL RULES, EH, NOT?

LIFE IS NOT WITHOUT ITS HUMOR, THOUGH, EVEN AT KA. WE KNOW A YOUNG MISS WHO WORE A RED FACE ON DUTY FOR QUITE SOME TIME AFTER A CHEERFUL PILOT HAD TERMINATED HIS CONTACT WITH A BRIGHT "ROGER-DOGER". AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME MR. MACDONALD OF CONSTRUCTION UNIT FELL

DEAR OFFICE:

FOR MANY MONTHS AND YEARS, WHILE IN THE CAA, WE HAVE BORNE UP WILLINGLY UNDER HARSHNESS, SUCH AS SLEEPING ON MATTRESS SPRINGS, SITTING ON BORROWED CARNEGIE STEEL COXES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CHAIRS, MOPPING THE FLOOR WITH RAGS, ON HANDS AND KNEES, INSTEAD OF A MOP. MOST OF THE EVILS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED BUT OTHERS HAVE ARISEN. THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK IS ABOUT TO BE PLACED ON OURS.

DURING MOST OF THIS TIME WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THE STATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO A PLEASANT EVENING COPYING SC, SR ETC. TO TYPEWRITER AND COUNTING ON FATIGUE FROM OTHER ROUTINE DUTIES AND SITUATIONS. WITHOUT THE SC AND SR TO HELP US RECOOPERATE, OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION WOULD BE SORRY INDEED, AND AM NOT FORGETTING WE ARE ON A 56 HOUR WEEK.

WE ARE PESSIMISTIC AND SEE SORROWFUL DAYS AND ACHING ARMS AHEAD, AS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH MILLS BUT PLENTY OF STICKS. A SPECTRE OF COMPLEMENT BREAKDOWN IS IN THE MAKING. OUR THESE SONG IS MORE MILLS FOR THE JACKS AND JILLS.

IT ALL ADDS TO THE FACT THAT THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE OPERATORS IS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IF A TYPEWRITER FOR GATHERING CW AND OTHER USES IS AVAILABLE. IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED YOUR OFFICE SEND ADDITIONAL TYPEWRITERS ASSAP.

YOURS TRULY,  
JIG QUEEN

FOR THE STATION IN A BIG WAY. PLUNKING HIMSELF DOWN COMFORTABLY (HE THOUGHT) IN THE CHIEF'S SWIVEL CHAIR, THE NEXT INSTANT HE FOUND HIMSELF SPRUNGLED DISGRACEFULLY ON THE FLOOR. AND IT DIDN'T SCOTHE HIS WOUNDED --- OH --- ER, PRIDE, WHEN THE OPERATOR ON WATCH GRANTED, "WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THAT."

BEFORE WE BRING OUR FIRST EPISTLE TO ITS FINISH WE WANT TO PUT IN A TALL WORD FOR SOME OF OUR LITTLE NEIGHBORS WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, DON'T GET A MAIL BOAT OFTEN ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS. ROSES TO OUR FRIENDS AT NORTH DUTCH ISLAND, WHO REALLY "DO" IT UP RECENTLY WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING THEIR HOURLY REPORTS READY, AND ON TIME. AND ROSES (AND FRESH MEAT IF WE COULD GET IT TO YOU) TO "DUFFY" DUFFESNE AT MIDDLETON ISLAND, THAT OBLIGING BOY WHO QSP'D MOST OF OUR TRAFFIC A COUPLE OF DAYS WHEN WE WERE LAID UP WITH AN AILING POWER LINE. WE'RE GLAD TO GREET THE NEW BOYS AT YAKATAGA - AND GIRLS, IF ANY. LET US KNOW HOW YOU GET ALONG WITH THE BIG BROWN BEARS DOWN THERE --- OH, DIDN'T YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

WELL, LADS AND LASSIES, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF PAPER, TIME AND IDEAS. 33 FROM OLD KING ABLE 'TIL NEXT TIME!

EDITOR'S NOTE: THANK YOU FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE DO WANT HIGH WATER - EVERY MONTH, IN FACT.

## A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

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FOR SOME TIME THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OFFICE HAS BEEN IN THE THROES OF A REORGANIZATION. THIS REORGANIZATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED UNITS WITHIN THE BRANCH, IS NOW COMPLETE AND FUNCTIONING. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE PHYSICAL SET UP OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS IT WILL HAVE A DECIDED BEARING ON YOUR PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

THE NEW UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ARE LISTED BELOW, TOGETHER WITH A BRIEF RESUME OF THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH UNIT:

### LAND LINES COMMUNICATIONS AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC UNIT

COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ALL PHASES OF OPERATION DEALING WITH LANDLINE COMMUNICATIONS AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SERVICES AS REQUIRED. (THE FORMER CRYPTO UNIT HAS BEEN ABOLISHED AS SUCH AND CONSOLIDATED WITH THE LAND LINES UNIT.)

### RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ALL PHASES OF OPERATIONS DEALING WITH RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH BROADCAST AND POINT-TO-POINT FACILITIES.

### REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON OFFICER

ASSISTS IN COORDINATING CAA COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR CARRIERS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

### TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNIT

COORDINATION, SUPERVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL IN THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE UPGRADING OF ALL FIELD COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL WITHIN THE REGION.

### MONITORING UNIT

SUPERVISES AND CONTROLS THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF CEMO (CENTRAL MONITORING) AND SUB-MONITORING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

### WAR MEASURES PROCEDURES UNIT

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPILATION OF ALL STATISTICAL DATA REQUIRED BY THE BRANCH. ASSEMBLES THE INFORMATION, EDITS AND DISTRIBUTES THE WEEKLY NOTICE TO AIRMEN.

### CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTOR

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTOR PERSONNEL IN THE REGION WITH RELATION TO THE INSPECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL.

THE LAND LINES, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE UNITS ARE COMMON TO ALL REGIONS. THE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON OFFICER POSITION IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO REGIONS HAVING INTERCONTINENTAL COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION WILL ENABLE THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS IN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITIOUS MANNER DURING THIS EMERGENCY AND ALSO WILL PERMIT PREPARATIONS FOR ANTICIPATED POST-WAR NEEDS.

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AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL  
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AT A RECENT BUSINESS MEETING THE CENTER BREED THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE ATC WOULD BE KNOWN AS "ALASKA TOM CATS". ANY DISSENSION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNLESS FROM THE OPPOSITE SEX. PERIOD.

BUSINESS CONTINUES AS USUAL, AND WITH SPRING APPROACHING ALL THE CUBS ARE BEGINNING TO SHED THEIR SKINS AND TAKE WINGS. LOOKS LIKE A BUSY SEASON AHEAD. GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO GET OUT THE SKY BROOM AND SWEEP THE AIRWAYS CLEAN AND PATCH UP THE RUNWAYS, THEN SETTLE DOWN TO THE OLD ROUTINE. WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE OUR MOTTO TO "KEEP 'EM FLYING; THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER BOAT".

ED BROWN IS RECOVERING FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL. HE HAD SOME PAIN IN HIS RIGHT SIDE, BUT IS NOW BRAGGING ABOUT "SAY, YOU WANT TO SEE MY SCAR?" TOO BAD, ED, BUT SCARS JUST DON'T GROW HERE IN THE WINTER. HIS FAVORITE SONGS IN THE HOSPITAL WERE "NURSE, COME HOLD MY HAND" AND "DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANY MORE".

MONTY MONTGOMERY IS SLATED FOR A PROMOTION AND TRANSFER TO SALT LAKE CITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WAS HANKERING FOR HIS OLD STOMPING GROUND AT BURBANK, BUT THEN YOU JUST CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING YOUR WAY, MONTY. AFTER ALL, JUST IMAGINE ALL THOSE GALS DOWN THERE. TOO BAD FOR THE LOCAL 8TH RD MAIL ROOM.

WE FIND ONE HOMER LOTIER MAKING FREQUENT VISITS TO THE ICE RINK. HE STATES IT'S GOOD EXERCISE, AND BESIDES, IT'S MAKING A MAN OF HIM. WE WONDER WHAT HE FINDS TO KEEP WARM, OTHER THAN EXERCISE.

SO FAR WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE GRIPE ABOUT THE RECENT SADIE HAWKINS DANCE. ONE FELLOW VERY RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED THE ONLY REASON HE DIDN'T GO WAS THE FACT THAT NO GAL INVITED HIM. NOW HE IS DEMANDING THEY REVERSE THE PROCESS AND GIVE HIM A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR CHOOSING THE GIRLS. (HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR 37 YEARS.)

THE SUSDRORFS ARE HAPPILY SETTLED DOWN TO THE ART OF LIVING AND SEEK QUITE CONTENT. WE LIKE HIS WIFE BUT, AFTER ALL, "SO DO I", SAYS LLOYD.

HEARD RUMORS OF JOHN MUND'S BEING IN TOWN. WHY NOT DROP IN TO SEE US, OLD MAN, AND GIVE US A PICTURE OF "OUT WEST"?

PETITTE SAYS HE IS GROWING A MUSTACHE. HAVE YOU SEEN IT? QUOTED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCE, E. G. WEBSTER'S: "MUSTACHE. 1. THE HAIR GROWN ON A MAN'S UPPER LIP. 2. HAIR, OR BRISTLES, GROWING NEAR THE MOUTH OF AN ANIMAL."

GREGORY IS UP FAIRBANKS WAY TO ADMINISTER SOME I. Q. (OR SUMPIN) TO THE BOYS. WHAT WE WANT NOW IS A TEST TO TEST THE TEST THE TESTERS TEST THE TESTEE WITH.

WE HAVE TWO NEW MEN UP FROM THE STATES ASSIGNED TO THE MERRILL TOWER. THEY HAVE BEEN ON FAMILIARIZATION AT THE CENTER AND FROM WHAT WE HEAR THEY ARE DOING OK IN TOWN. KELLY FROM GREAT FALLS AND WARD FROM BILLINGS. GREETINGS TO YOU.

THE FOLLOWING WAS NOTED IN A LETTER OF RECENT DATE.

"JUST A FEW LINES TO SAY HELLO TO YOU AND THE OLD GANG BACK IN THE STATES AND TO GIVE YOU SOME STRAIGHT DOPE ON ALASKA. NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, AS I REALLY LIKE IT UP HERE AND WOULDN'T GO BACK FOR ANYTHING.

"HAVE HAD RATHER A MILD WINTER THIS YEAR, WITH THE TEMPERATURE ONLY DOWN TO 70 BELOW (ZERO). THE WIND IS NOT BAD AND OCCASIONALLY GOES DOWN BELOW 75, BUT THEN YOU DON'T MIND SO BAD. JUST PUT ON THREE SUITS OF UNDERWEAR AND HALF A DOZEN PAIR OF SOX ALONG WITH PARKA AND A FEW LIGHT PIECES. NO NEED TO TAKE A BATH UNTIL SPRING. MIGHT HELP, THO, IF YOU ... JOB.

"THE TERRAIN IS QUITE FLAT, WITH ONLY A FEW HILLS ABOUT TEN THOUSAND AND A FEW MOUNTAINS UP TO TWENTY TWO THOUSAND. MOST OF THE TIME THE PLANES CAN FLIGHT AROUND THEM, BUT ONCE IN A WHILE SOME GUY TAKES OFF AND JUST FLIES UNTIL YOU NEVER HEAR OF HIM AGAIN.

"IT'S NICE AND QUIET, TOO. ONLY A FEW OF US AROUND. NOT MANY ... OUT HERE IN THE WILD, AND WE USUALLY SPEAK TO EACH OTHER ONCE A WEEK UNLESS WE'RE MAD. THE GIRLS HAVE SOME TROUBLE WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, MOSTLY WOLVES.

"ONE THING WE REALLY ARE LUCKY IN, AND THAT IS THE FOOD PROBLEM. NO RATION POINTS TO BOTHER WITH; DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITH THEM, ANYWAY. ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR YOU ORDER FOOD FROM THE COMMISSARY, AND ALL THEY DO IS TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF YOUR PAY. VERY SIMPLE. THEN THEY TAKE OUT FOR RETIREMENT, TAXES, BONDS AND A FEW OTHER THINGS, SO YOU NEVER WORRY ABOUT GETTING THE CHECK, AS THERE ISN'T ANY LEFT.

"AS FOR MAIL, WELL, WE HAVE QUITE A SYSTEM HERE. WE GET IT REGULAR LIKE ONCE A MONTH DURING THE SUMMER, AND THE OTHER TEN MONTHS WE JUST WAIT.

"COULD GO ON AND ON TELLING YOU ABOUT THE PLACE, BUT THINK YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA HOW WELL WE LIKE IT UP HERE. WILL WRITE MORE LATER. REGARDS TO YOU AND THE GANG.

"JOE DOE

"P. S. IF YOU SEE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SWAP, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE AND I'LL PAY EXPENSES."

WHAT IS A DOUBLE PETUNIA?

WELL, A PETUNIA IS A FLOWER LIKE A BEGONIA;  
A BEGONIA IS A MEAT LIKE A SAUSAGE;  
A SAUSAGE AND BATTERY IS A CRIME;  
MONKEYS CRIME TREES;  
TREES A CROWD;

A ROOSTER CROWD IN THE MORNING AND MADE A NOISE  
A NOISE IS ON YOUR FACE LIKE YOUR EYES;  
THE EYES IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE NYAYS;  
A HORSE NYAYS AND HAS A COLT;

YOU GET A COLT AND GO TO BED  
AND WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH  
DOUBLE PETUNIA!!!

-- CONTRIBUTED BY NEMA ELLIS, 8-40

THE MONITOR ALMOST WENT BANKCORRUPT WHILE TOM, DICK AND HARRYETTA WERE GIVING THEIR LEFTS AND RIGHTS TO THE PSEUDO-ADIABATIC RATES THAT HAD SEVERAL RELAPSES PRIOR TO REACHING THE POINT OF SATURATION. GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE, SO IN CASE YOU OR YOU ARE INTERESTED, THE COURSE IS APPROXIMATELY \$790. MISSED TAXI ONE MORNING. HOW'S THAT FOR SAVING, MUSSELEPUS?

EMERGENCY REQUISITION: THREE STRAIT JACKETS; LARGE, MEDIUM AND SMALL.

FRESH FOODS? U-GET WE GET 'EM, THANKS TO JACK JEFFORD AND FUZZ ROGERS, WHO THINKS OF EVERYTHING. BUT ABSENT-MINDED FRED WONDERED WHO INVENTED THE SOCIETY DISH THAT SERVED S.L.A.D ON THE NAPKIN. THE NAPKIN TURNED OUT TO BE LETUCE.

FOR SALE: ONE FISH BURNER, NINE-DOG-POVER, AND 431 POUNDS OF FUEL FRESH FROM THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER. GOOD BUY AT ANY PRICE. CUSTOMERS

WITH CASH NEED NOT APPEAR - NO PLACE TO SPEND IT.

THE PICTURE OF THE GANG ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS RECEIVED A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE PERSONNEL AT THIS STATION. THEY GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS: THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD - BUNCH OF UNDERTAKERS? - THE COMMUNICATORS AT HIS STATION MUST BE ALL TRAINEES - SOMEBODY GOT THAT FELLOWS LAST QUARTER (COULD BE) - THE WHOLE GANG LOOKS OVERWORKED - MR. SASSLER SMILING? YEH, HE HAD JUST WON A CONTROVERSY, WITH THE AID OF JUDGE HULEN, ABOUT BROADCAST DURATIONS AT SOME STATIONS. THE REST OF US WERE WONDERING WHAT KIND OF COUNTERATTACK WOULD BE IN ORDER. JIM SPROUTS DESCRIBED THE PICTURE WELL AND WE RECOMMEND THE NOBEL PRIZE TO THE AUTHOR.

THE MONITOR'S AWARD GOES TO CARPENTER KULN, THE SLED BUILDER, USING IT FOR AN EMERGENCY COT UNTIL SOME BRIGHT BOY COMES ALONG WITH THE SOLUTION "HOW TO GET IT OUT OF THE ATTIC".

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AS HEAD OF THE DIVISION OF PROVISION FOR REVISION WAS A MAN OF PROMPT DECISION - MERTON QUIRK, PH. D. IN CALISTHENICS, P. D. Q. IN PATHOGENICS, HE HAD JUST THE PROPER BACKGROUND FOR THE WORK.

FROM THE PASTORAL AROMA OF ALOMA, OKLAHOMA, WITH A PITTANCE AS A SALARY IN HAND HIS ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN WHETTED, EVEN AIDED AND ABETTED, BY ENLIVENMENT THAT NETTED SOME FIVE GRAND.

SO, WITH ENERGY ECSTATIC, THIS FANATIC LEFT HIS ATTIC AND HASTENED ON TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WHERE WITH VERVE AND VIM AND VIGOR HE WENT HUNTING FOR THE NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE OF THE C. A. B.

AFTER MONTHS OF PATIENT PROCESS, MERTON'S SPECULAR PROSCISIS HAD UNEARTHED A REPREHENSIBLE HIATUS, IN REPLY BY BLAIR AND BLAIR TO HIS THIRTEENTH QUESTIONNAIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVENTORY STATUS

THEY HAD WRITTEN, "YOUR DIRECTIVE WHEN EFFECTIVE WAS DEFECTIVE IN ITS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE, AND WHAT'S MORE, NEOLITHIC HIEROGLYPHIC IS TO US MUCH MORE SPECIFIC THAN THE DRIVE YOU KEEP DUMPING AT OUR DOOR."

THIS SACRILEGE DISCOVERED, MERTON FAINTED - BUT RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO WRITE, "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SABOTAGE IS CAMOUFLAGED BEHIND PERVERTED PERSIFLAGE -- EXPECT ME ON THE 22ND INST."

BUT FIRST HE SENT A CHECKER, AND THEN A CHECKER'S CHECKER; STILL NOTHING WAS DISCLOSED AS BEING WRONG. SO A CHECKER'S CHECKER'S CHECKER CAME TO CHECK THE CHECKER'S CHECKER, AND THE PROCESS WAS LABORIOUS AND LONG.

THEN FOLLOWED A PROCESSION OF THE FOLLOW-UP PROFESSION, THROUGH THE RECORDS OF THE FIRM OF BLAIR AND BLAIR. FROM BREAKFAST UNTIL SUPPER, SOME NEW SUPR-FOLLOW-UPPER TORN HIS HAIR BECAUSE OF MERTON'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE FILE IS CLOSED, COMPLETED, THOUGH OUR HERO, UNDEFEATED, CARRIES ON IN SOME DEPARTMENT AS BEFORE. BUT VICTORY IS IN SIGHT, NOT BECAUSE OF -- BUT IN SPITE OF -- MERTON'S MIGHTY EFFORTS IN THE WAR.

THE PRODUCE OF OUR GARDEN THIS MONTH IS SMALL  
AND SCRAWNY.  
IT'S CONDUCIVE LESS TO BRAINS AND WIT AND EVEN  
WEAK AND SICK IN MIND WE ARE. NO NOURISHMENT  
TO FILL US.  
WE COULD NOT HELP THE SORRY FACT THAT WHAT WE  
WROTE IS BILLOUS.

BEING MENTALLY EXHAUSTED AND UNDER-PRUDICAL  
IN OUR REPORTORIAL OUTPUT. FOR THE WINDY MONTH  
OF MARCH, WE MUST INCLUDE, IN SELF-DEFENSE AND  
TO COMPLETE THIS ARTICLE, A BIT OF RUMOR PICKED  
UP AT RANDOM IN OUR SCOUTING AROUND FOR TIDY  
BITS. OF ITS ORIGIN WE KNOW NOTHING. OF  
ITS VALIDITY WE KNOW LESS. MAYBE WE DIDN'T  
EVEN HEAR IT. MAYBE WE DREAMT IT. MAYBE WE'RE  
JUST WINDY. AT ANY RATE, THE SUN AND SUBSTANCE  
RUNS LIKE THIS:

EVEN AS OF THIS DATE OUR REGIONAL DEPOT WILL  
COMMENCE THE ACQUISITION OF BETTER-THAN-HOT  
JUKE BOXES, TO BE PLACED IN STOCK AND REQUISITION-  
TIONED, ONE EACH, FOR EACH AND EVERY COMMUNICA-  
TION STATION IN THE EIGHTH REGION. CHIEF AIRCRAFT  
COMMUNICATORS WILL SHORTLY BE REQUESTED  
TO SUBMIT FLOOR PLANS DESIGNED TO UTILIZE ANY  
EXISTING UNOCCUPIED FLOOR SPACE (IF ANY) IN  
THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTROL BUILDINGS. AT THOSE  
LOCATIONS WHERE THERE JUST ISN'T ANY UNOCCUPIED  
FLOOR SPACE LEFT, AND COMMUNICATORS EITHER HAVE  
TO CRAWL IN ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES OR MANIPULATE  
LIKE APES FROM THE CHANDELIERS IN ORDER TO  
REACH THEIR POSITIONS, THE MUSIC BOXES WILL BE  
HUNG FROM THE CEILING. IN THESE INSTANCES,  
CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WILL SUBMIT CEILING  
PLANS INSTEAD. IN FACT, IT MAY COME TO THE  
SORRY PASS OF ALL CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS  
SUBMITTING CEILING PLANS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A  
POLICY OF UTILIZING THE NOW WASTED SPACE ABOVE  
THE SIX FOOT LEVEL. WE SEE NO REASON WHY, WITH  
PROPERLY DESIGNED PARAPHRANALIA, OPERATING POSI-  
TIONS COULD NOT BE ATTACHED TO THE CEILING BY  
SUCTION CUPS. TRUE ENOUGH, AN UPPER-LEVEL COM-  
MUNICATOR IS APT TO UNWITTINGLY KICK A LOWER-  
LEVEL COMMUNICATOR IN THE BEEZEEZ, BUT THAT  
WOULD BE A MILD AFFRONT COMPARED TO A PLACE  
WHERE WE HAVE OFTEN WANTED TO KICK SOME OF  
OUR COMMUNICATORS. THESE PROPOSED PSEUDO-JIVE  
TUNES WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FOSTER WILL PROVIDE  
REVIVATING AND RECUPERATIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR  
BEATEN-DOWN, NERVE-WORN, CIRCUIT-CONFUSED, PRO-  
STRATED, BRAIN-WEARY, DINGLE-DANGLED, CRANIUM-  
HEATED AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS. SO HELP US!  
HARMONIOUS STRAINS FROM RECORDS OF YOUR CHOICE  
SHOULD NEUTRALIZE MOST OF THE OTHER RATTLE AND  
DING THAT ONE CAN HEAR AT FIVE HUNDRED YARDS  
AND WITHOUT THE AID OF A SONOTONE, EITHER. THE  
INNUMERABLE ADVANTAGES ARE SO CLEARLY DISCERN-  
IBLE, WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH A SCHEME  
IS SO LONG GONE UNDISCOVERED.

A PARTIAL LIST OF TUNES APPROPRIATE FOR  
ALASKANS AND AVAILABLE SOON FOLLOWS:

"CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINIA WHERE I CAN  
THAW OUT MY FROZEN BONES"  
"CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME!"  
"REGIONAL OFFICE BLUES"  
"SLEEP TIGHT AND DON'T LET THE NO-SEE'EMS

#### MORE WEDDINGS SELLS

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE MARRIAGE OF  
LOUISE SLUSSER, LATELY RECENTLY A MEMBER OF  
ENGINEERING DATA UNIT, TO LT. THOMAS ARTHUR  
EVANS. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 20TH  
AT THE HOME OF LOUISE'S AUNT AND UNCLE IN RICH-  
VALE, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A HONEY-  
MOON IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE EVANS ARE AT PRE-  
SENT LIVING IN MERCED, CALIFORNIA, WHERE ART IS  
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTOR AT THE BASIC  
TRAINING FIELD LOCATED THERE.

OUR BEST WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO LOUISE AND  
ART FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AGNES

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF ENGINEERING DATA UNIT,  
AGNES UMBS, CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY ON MARCH  
8TH, AND WAS EXTENDED THE CONGRATULATIONS OF  
MANY FRIENDS. A BIRTHDAY PARTY, WITH ICE CREAM  
AND CAKE, AND PRESENTATION OF A LOVELY MUSIC  
BOX AND OTHER GIFTS WERE PART OF THE DAY'S CELE-  
BRATION. MANY HAPPY RETURNS, AGNES!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO STEVIE

A CAKE WITH ONE CANDLE WAS THE ORDER OF THE  
DAY WHEN YOUNG STEVIE HURLING, SON OF JAMIE AND  
STEVE HURLING, CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY ON  
MARCH 5TH. YOUNG STEVIE WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A  
CHILDREN'S PARTY IN THE AFTERNOON, HELD AT THE  
HOME OF MRS. MIDGE NICHOLS, AND AGAIN IN THE  
EVENING, WHEN HIS PARENTS ENTERTAINED. AGNES  
UMBS PROVIDED A THICKLY FROSTED CAKE FOR YOUNG  
STEVIE TO SINK HIS FINGERS INTO, IN THE TRADITION-  
HONORED CUSTOM OF FIRST-BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS,  
AND FRANCIS BAYER WAS ON HAND TO TAKE PHOTO-  
GRAPHS OF THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION. MANY HAPPY  
RETURNS TO YOU, TOO, STEVIE.

#### MORE BIRTHDAY "NEW-SINGS"

"SENT SEMI-NIGHT, THE "EMANUS (OR POSSIBLY INFIR-  
MOUS) CAT WHO GRACIOUSLY SHARES HER HOME WITH  
THE KINGS, GAVE BIRTH TO TRIPLETS ON SUNDAY,  
MARCH 5TH. THE MOTHER AND THREE KITTENS ARE  
DOING SPLENDIDLY. HELENA KING PROUDLY CELE-  
BRATED THE OCCASION BY PASSING OUT CIGARETTES  
DECORATED WITH PINK AND BLUE RIBBONS.

#### BITE!"

"I MET 10:00 ANNIE FROM UGASHIKER AND LEARNED  
ABOUT WOMEN FROM HER, BY HECK!"

THE RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR WILL  
PLAY THE RECORDS. HE DOES EVERYTHING ELSE -  
WHY SHOULDN'T HE DO THAT?

VERY TRULY YOURS, WITH DEEP SUFFERANCE TO-  
WARDS THE MALE FIELD PERSONNEL WHO COULD NOT BE  
PRESENT TO ACCEPT THE GRACIOUS INVITATIONS TO  
THE CAA SADIIE HARKINS LEAP YEAR DANCE IN  
ANCHORAGE, FROM OUR GORGEOUS, SUPERFINE GIRLS OF  
THE VERY BEST QUALITY! THERE ARE STILL REMAINING  
MANY-DAYS IN THIS LEAP YEAR, BOYS. DROP IN  
WHEN CONVENIENT AND WE'LL RUN YOU AROUND.

NOW WE THINK THAT OUGHT TO CATCH THE ATTENTION OF ALL, INCLUDING THOSE SOPHISTICATES IN THE CITIES OF FAIRBANKS AND ANCHORAGE. TO READ THE ITEMS FROM ANCHORAGE WITH ITS "CELLS" OF UNITS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, ONE WOULD NOT THINK THEY WERE PART OF US; INDEED, ONE MIGHT INFER WE WERE PART OF THEM. BUT OF WHOM DOES THE SUSTENANCE STEM - FROM WE'ENS OR THEM? SURE, WE MISSED THE SADIE HAWKINS DANCE, BUT THEN, WE'D GOTTEN OUR MENFOLK LONG AGO, ANYWAY. MAYBE IT WOULD DO THE ORGANIZATION A DAMNED LOT OF GOOD FOR THOSE IN THE "CENTERS" TO COME OUT TO THE WOODS TO LEARN HOW MUCH IS DEPENDENT UPON THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION, AND PERHAPS IT WOULD ALSO DO CONSIDERABLE GOOD FOR THOSE OUT IN THE STICKS TO GET A FEW MONTHS IN THE "HEAD-QUARTERS" UNITS SO THAT THEY MIGHT UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR SUPPORT IS NEEDED IN THE WAY OF EFFICIENT EFFORT AND THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE DAY AFTER DAY THERE, AND HOW THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STATION AND THE INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR OR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE CHANNLED FOR ACTION.

WELL, THESE NATURAL LAWS SOMETIMES DO NOT COINCIDE COMPLETELY IN PRACTICE. HAVEN'T YOU FOUND IT SO? KOTZEBUE, IS A LOSS ALWAYS SOMEONE'S GAIN? OF COURSE, THERE WERE TWO FROM KP TRANSFERRED TO PM, BUT WHERE IS THE INVOICE? WE HAVE THE PACKAGE AND THE PACKING SLIP, BUT ALL ELSE WAS LEFT BEHIND.

MR. PASTRO ARRIVED, AND BEGAN TO EXPAND HIS CHEST. WE THOUGHT HE WAS THINKING ONLY OF LEAP YEAR, WHAT WITH ALL THESE STURDY, GOOD LOOKING YOUNG WOMEN ABOUT, BUT IT DEVELOPED THAT HE HAD, FOR THESE MANY MONTHS WHILE AT NOME AND KOTZEBUE, MISSED THE FORM OF LIFE REFERRED TO BY JOYCE KILMER AS "TREES". YEP, HE WAS INHALLING THE PINE-LIKE SWEETNESS THAT PERVADES THIS AREA WITH ITS ABUNDANCE OF TALL, NEEDED TREES, JUST NOW SILVERED WITH A NEW CROWN OF SNOW FLAKES.

ALWAYS HAD ENJOYED "SLOP FROM THE CHENA GLOUGH", BUT PASSING THROUGH FROM KP AND SPOTS, INCLUDING THE FX STATION, WE WONDER WHETHER THE SOURCE OF THE INSPIRATION. SURELY, NOT IN THAT LITTLE CUBBYHOLE?

GENERAL JOHNNY FANNING HAS DEPARTED FROM THE ALASKAN OASIS FOR THE ROBBER'S ROOST, AND WE NOW HAVE IN HIS STEAD "SLIM" GILES. HE GOT THE BUCKICKET BECAUSE HE GOT THAT WAY WORKING, AND THAT'S NO WAY. IN THE SAME LINE OF THOUGHT YOU CAN GUESS HOW FANNING "GOT THAT WAY". WE HEAR HE'S READY TO COME BACK.

THE SINGLE LADS ARE NOT ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LEAP YEAR, NOR THE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF STOCK COMMISSARY GROCERIES. THEY TELL OF THE STEWARD AT THE MKCB MESS LADING OUT BIG STEAKS, CHICKEN, AND, THE OTHER DAY, (OF ALL THINGS) STUFFED PORK CHOPS. WHAT COULD MAKE A MAN HAPPIER? SADIE HAWKINS?

ALONG COMES BILL PEGEE - 'TAINT SPELLED THAT WAY, BUT THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS - AND ALMOST WITH HIM COME THE GOODIES FROM ANCHORAGE, A TRUCK LOAD OF FRESH COMMISSARY SUPPLIES...."FIXIN" FISK HAS BUILT US A NEAT COMPLEMENT TO THE OPERATORS' SHELF, CHOCK FULL OF HOLES WHERE WE

1. PUMP THE DIAL KEY UP AND DOWN THREE OR FOUR TIMES. THIS WILL LIMBER UP THE SWITCH AND PROBABLY PLACE THE SWITCH WIPER ON THE BANK.

2. DON'T BOTHER TO SELECT PROPER RANGE FROM LIST. PICK ANY NUMBER FROM 01 TO 11 AND TRY IT. IF THE PROPER FUNCTION IS NOT PICKED THE FIRST TIME, FRANTICALLY DIAL ALL NUMBERS YOU CAN THINK OF. SOMETHING IS BOUND TO HAPPEN.

2A. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, IT IS ALWAYS HELPFUL TO DIAL 00 ON THE CT CONTROL PANEL. THIS WILL PUT EVERYTHING OFF AT THE CT SIT EXCEPT THE TOWER LIGHTS. NO QRM WILL BE CAUSED ON THE CIRCUIT AFTER DIALING THIS FUNCTION.

3. PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE SILLY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DIALING 55 FOR BROADCAST. A NUMBER SUCH AS 55, 57, 58, 65, 67 IS PRETTY CLOSE TO 55, AND MAYBE THE ELECTRICITY WILL JUMP TO THE PROPER CONTACT. ANYWAY, STRONGER SHOULDN'T BE MADE SO CRITICAL ABOUT NUMBERS.

4. AT MRL FACILITIES, WHEN THROUGH WITH YOUR BROADCAST, TAP THE DIAL KEY VERY LIGHT (THEY ARE VERY DELICATE). DO NOT, HOWEVER, DEPRESS THE DIAL KEY ALL THE WAY DOWN. AFT THE PRECEDING, CALL THE RMS OUT OF BED, AND WILL GET THE RANGE ON AGAIN. (N.B. THE RMS HAS PROBABLY ALREADY HAD THREE HOURS SLEEP, A WILL THANK YOU FOR GETTING HIM UP.)

4A. AT SPRA FACILITIES. SAME AS ABOVE, EXCEPT RANGE WILL BE ON AS WELL AS BROADCAST. ALSO LEAVE DIAL KEY IN HORIZONTAL POSITION. PILOTS LIKE TO LISTEN TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CONTROL ROOM.

5. WHEN CALLING THE RMS AT THE RANGE STATION ON THE MONOPHONE, DIAL BUZZER OPERATIC THEN ALLOW DIAL KEY TO ASSUME HORIZONTAL POSITION INSTEAD OF PLACING IT IN THE UPPER POSITION. THIS WILL LEAVE THE LINE CONNECTED TO THE SPEECH AMPLIFIER AT THE CONTROL. YELL VERY LOUDLY, AND THE BROADCAST MICROPHONE WILL PICK UP YOUR VOICE, AND THE PARTY AT THE OTHER END OF THE LINE MAY HEAR YOU. OF COURSE YOU MAY HEAR HIM, BUT MAYBE HE DOESN'T WANT TO. ANYWAY - JUST LISTEN.

CHUCK MESSAGES AND 406'S AND STUFF AND OH WHAT WE NEED WHEN WE NEED IT....THE LITT SHAVENS RUNNING ABOUT HERE ARE WHAT BRINGS SPARK TO PASTRO'S EYES - SAYS THEY REMIND I OF THE TIME THEY HAD GOITS IN ANCHORAGE, IN THE CITY WAS JUST A PLACE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILLS....WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LADY IS KISSED HER FAVORITE BREAD RECIPE? ASK VI WENDLE POOR DEAR. SHE SAYS JOHNNY'S GOING TO HAVE EAT COMMISSARY CRACKERS FROM NOW ON....INTERESTING FACT: GROUND FROZEN SOLID TO FORTY FEET BELOW THE SURFACE. HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE A VICTORY GARDEN WOULD GROW HERE?...ANOTHER INTERESTING ITEM: LEO CONNORS, THE MAYOR OF NOME, ABSENT "PRO TEST", RETURNED TO NAME THE RATIONS FOR RETURNING, WHAT WITH SPENDING NEAR. HE REMEMBERED THIS DECISION BEFORE DEPARTING BACK TO ANCHORAGE, AND WE QUOTE, "THE GENTILITY OF THE RESIDENTS IS JUDGED BY THE PRODUCE THEY DRINK." THE CHIEF, OF COURSE, IS A RABID "151" SUPPORTER....NOW, WE WILL GET. )



"NOTHING IF WE DO; HELL IF WE DON'T"

FIRST WE HAD SNAFU, THEN TARFU AND NOW FUGAR - FOULED UP BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION.

WE HAVE TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS ON THE JOB AT HQ FROM UGILE SUGAR. THEY ARE MESSRS. BRUCE AND RYKINS. THEY ARE DOING A FINE JOB AND WE HOPE THEY STICK AROUND AWHILE.

ON MARCH SIXTH ANCHORAGE RADIO PLAYED HOST TO THE ANCHORAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO HAD COME TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF MERRILL. THE VENERABLE CITY FATHERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND PLEASURE AT THE ELABORATE, UP-TO-DATE AND EFFICIENT TRANSOCEANIC AIRWAY COMMUNICATION STATION, WHICH IN FOUR YEARS FROM A TINY ACORN CREW. WE HAD THE FEELING AS THEY DEPARTED THAT MORE CIVIC ATTENTION WOULD BE CENTERED UPON THIS FAST GROWING ANCHORAGE INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE.

YOU OP'S AT NORTHWAY CAN STAND FROM UNDER, OR YOUR NEW CAC SHOULD SOON BE ON THE WAY IN THE PERSON OF VINCENT (THEY-LAUGHED-AT-EDISON-AND) SPEER. WE SHALL BE SORRY TO LOSE VINCE WHO WILL MISS HIS SMILING FACE AND TWINKLING EYES. WE ARE SURE VINCE WILL LIKE HIS NEW POST AND DOUBLY SURE IT WILL MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF HIS BETTER HALF, MRS. G.L. SPEER, WHO SHOULD ENJOY LIFE NOT FRAUGHT WITH THE ELABORATE COMPLICACIES OF THE MACHINE AGE (SUCH AS PNEUMATIC TUBES IN WHICH TO CATCH ONE'S ARMS).

ARE YOU A TELEGRAPHER? IF NOT, HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED WHEN TELEGRAPHERS GOT TOGETHER? IF SO, YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THE LOCKOUT FOR THE COMING DATE OF THE FIRST ANNUAL "TELEGRAPHERS' BALL", TO BE THROWN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ANCHORAGE STATION. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO BE A TELEGRAPHER, BUT IT HELPS - AND THE SAME APPLIES TO GAINING ADMISSION TO THIS DANCE. TREASURERS BERATO AND KENDALL (KENDALL WATCHES BERATO AND VICE VERSA) REPORT THAT THE RECREATION FUND IS COMING ALONG NICELY - ABOUT SIXTY BUCKS IN CASH AND AROUND FORTY SKINS TIED UP IN MERCHANDISE. AT THIS RATE, THAT "TELEGRAPHERS' BALL" IS GOING TO BE A REAL BLOWOUT.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE WENDY WENNERLIND BACK AMONGST US WITH THE LATEST THING IN PLASTER PARIS HOISERY. IT SEEMS THAT WENDY AND THE KIDS WERE IN DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE ROUTE TO FOLLOW, HENCE THE FRACTURED LIMB. WE WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY, WENDY.

AFTER HOLDING SUITCASE DRILL FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS, CAC ED SNYDER IS MAKING A DUMMY RUN ON HONOLULU. HOWEVER, THE STATUS IS STILL "QUO", AND BETS ARE EVEN THAT HE MAY COME BOUNCING BACK ANY MINUTE WITH A SOUTHERN HEAT RASH AND LAY ASIDE THE SARGON FOR THE MUKLUKS - ONCE AGAIN.

DITTYDE DAH DEDAH

DAFFYNASHUNS

A CONFERENCE IS A GROUP OF MEN WHO INDIVIDUALLY CAN DO NOTHING, BUT WHO AS A GROUP CAN MEET AND DECIDE THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE.

AIRWAYS INSPECTION STILL INSISTS  
"KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OWN RANGE"

RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN GIVING STATIONS ON OUR VARIOUS ROUTES A BAD TIME BY REPORTING OUR POSITION AND AIR SPEED AND ASKING FOR A MAGNETIC BEARING AND ETA. WE OFFER HEREWITH SOME COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE BENEFICIAL.

ABOVE ALL THINGS BE SURE TO GIVE THE BEARING TO THE PILOT IN MAGNETIC AZIMUTHS FROM HIS POSITION TO YOUR STATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A MAGNETIC COMPASS ROSE BE CONSTRUCTED ON YOUR AERONAUTICAL CHART, WITH LINES RADIATING FROM THE STATION AT 5 DEGREE INTERVALS AND PROJECTING FOR AT LEAST 200 MILES, WITH MAGNETIC HEADINGS BOTH TOWARD AND AWAY FROM THE STATION MARKED THEREON. CONCENTRIC CIRCLES SHOULD ALSO BE DRAWN AROUND THE STATION, WITH THE RADIUS AT TEN MILE INTERVALS, SO THAT THE ONLY COMPUTATION NECESSARY WILL BE FOR THE ETA. IF A PILOT CALLS FOR A MAGNETIC BEARING AND DISTANCE FROM HIS POSITION TO THE STATION, THE CHART MAY BE CONSULTED AND CONSIDERABLE TIME WILL BE SAVED BY THESE PRECOMPUTED LINES. IF HIS POSITION IS KNOWN TO BE BETWEEN TWO OF THE LINES, THE BEARING AND DISTANCE MAY BE ESTIMATED WITH SUFFICIENT ACCURACY FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

USUALLY WHEN A PILOT CALLS FOR INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE HE IS ALSO LOW ON FUEL, AND SPEED IS ESSENTIAL. A MINUTE TO A PILOT LOOKING AT A DIMINISHING FUEL SUPPLY SEEMS LIKE AN HOUR. I HAVE NEVER BEEN LOST WHILE FLYING IN ALASKA (THAT IS, I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT I WAS WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE TERRITORY) BUT I HAVE BEEN BEWILDERED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND WHEN A DEFINITE LANDMARK SHOWED UP IT WOULD HAVE HELPED CONSIDERABLY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CALL A STATION AND ASK FOR A BEARING AND ETA. A PILOT AS A RULE DOESN'T GET LOST ON A CLEAR DAY. A PILOT FLYING IN THICK WEATHER - AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN SMALL AIRCRAFT WITH ONLY ONE PILOT - HAS HIS HANDS FULL AND CAN USE THIS SERVICE TO A GREAT ADVANTAGE. TO LAY A COURSE HE MUST OPEN UP A CHART, WHICH FILLS THE OCCUPIT OF AN AIRCRAFT. THE COURSE HE LAYS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUGH ESTIMATE, AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO USE A PROTRACTOR ACCURATELY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

I BELIEVE WE SHOULD START A CAMPAIGN FOR SELLING THIS SERVICE. YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO GET AS MANY PILOTS AS POSSIBLE TO REPORT THEIR POSITION AND GROUND SPEED WHEN FLYING IN YOUR VICINITY, SO THAT YOU MAY GIVE THEM A BEARING AND ETA. THIS WILL SERVE A TWO FOLD PURPOSE. PILOTS WILL GAIN CONFIDENCE IN THE SERVICE, AND THE STATIONS WILL GET PRACTICE, SO THAT WHEN A BONA FIDE EMERGENCY ARISES THEY MAY ACT QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY.

OF THE STATIONS WE HAVE CONTACTED, OUR CHIEF GRIPE IS THE TIME TAKEN BEFORE GIVING US A BEARING. AS TIME GOES ON, WE WILL MAKE THE PROBLEMS MORE DIFFICULT, WITH DRIFT, ETC., TO BE COMPUTED. WE HAVE NOT YET PULLED ONE ON HQ, WHICH, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS THE NUCLEUS OF BRAINS AND MASTERMINDS, BUT WHEN WE DO, IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE, WITH DOUBLE DRIFT, LOOP-ORIENTATION, AND ALL THE FIXINGS.

-- JACK T. JEFFORD

BY THE TIME THIS IS BEING READ (?) THE BIG EVENT WILL HAVE DONE GONE AND TOOK PLACE, I. E. BLANCHE FEREDAY WILL BE MRS. ARCHIE LAWRENCE JACOB. SGT. BROWN IS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT FORT RICHARDSON. SORRY WE CAN'T FURNISH DETAILS OF THE WEDDING (WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE POST CHAPEL FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 8:30) AND THE RECEPTION (TO BE HELD AT THE VIRGIN STONES!) -- THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE APPEARANCE IN NEXT MONTH'S MUKLUK. BUT WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CEREMONY AND SEEING BLANCHE IN HER BEAUTIFUL BLUE WEDDING DRESS, VEIL AND ALL -- LM-N-M-M!

IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUST ABOVE - LILA KENNEDY POTTS GAVE A BUFFET SUPPER AND SHOWER FOR MISS FEREDAY (MRS. BROWN) THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 28TH TO WHICH THE GIRLS OF THE CONTRACT AND SERVICE BRANCH WERE INVITED. AND NOW, MAY WE ASK, DID EARL NORRIS RATE AS THE ONLY MALE PRESENT - THAT IS, UNTIL CPL. POTTS ARRIVED LATER IN THE EVENING? GUESTS WERE SERVED A DELICIOUS SUPPER, AFTER WHICH BLANCHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A LARGE CARDBOARD CARTON, IN WHICH OPENING IT THERE WAS FOUND A NOTE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW SHE COULD FINALLY GET HERSELF IN POSSESSION OF HER GIFT -- A GEMMER'S CHECK, WHICH WE HEAR MAY BE USED TO BUY SOME PIECES OF THE STEALING SILVERWARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COLLECTED. (ENTERTAINMENT, INTERMITTENTLY, DURING THE EVENING WAS FURNISHED BY "THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE" AND LILA'S CAT AND KITTEN, "SUSIE" AND "THUMPER", THE LATTER BEING QUITE A HIT MAKER.)

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MUTTERER WASN'T GOING ANY MUTTERING IN LAST MONTH'S MUKLUK WE WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME MRS. JUDD WALKER, WHOM IT WAS THE PLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF MOST EVERYONE AT THE SIDIE HARKINS DANCE TO MEET. SHE IS A VERY NICE PERSON AND, AS AN aside, QUITE PRETTY, WITHOUT RESERVATION. SHE CAME ALONG WITH JACK JEFFORD AND THE NOW FAMOUS NO. 14 ON ITS SECONDHAND MAIDEN FLIGHT TO HIGHORAGE FROM SEATTLE AND MOST ALL POINTS EAST, ARRIVING HERE FEBRUARY 2ND.

WE FINALLY GOT THAT RIDE WITH EARL NORRIS AND HIS DOG TEAM, AND IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR BRIGHT LIGHT TOW, WHICH WE FEAR WOULDN'T HAVE DONE SUCH GOOD ANYWAY, 'CAUSE THAT OLD SAYING "THREE'S A CROWD" WAS EXISTANT IN PERSON. AM IFFRARD WE WERE A TRIFLE ON THE LAZY SIDE AND JUST RODE, SITTING COMFORTABLY AND AS WARMLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER A PARKA WE CONFISCATED, EXCEPT FOR THE TIME SOME WEIGHT WAS NECESSARY ON THE BRAKE WHILE A FEW PICTURES WERE BEING SHAPPED - CAN WE'LL IMAGINE HOW MUCH GOOD THAT MUCH WEIGHT WOULD HAVE DONE IF WANDA AND LUCKY HAD TAKEN A NOTION TO TAKE OFF DOWN THE TRAIL WITHOUT BENEFIT OF EARL'S FAMILIAR "ALL RIGHT". EARL HAD OUR PERMISSION TO DO SOME "TALKING" TO THE TEAM WHEN A COUPLE IN IT WASN'T "PULLING AN OUNCE" TO BE PUT IT. THOUGHT WE MIGHT HEAR SOME NEW THINGS BUT, NO GO! SO WE CAME BACK TO THE STARTING POINT AFTER A JUNT AND AROUND GOOSE LAKE A COUPLE OF TIMES (WHERE SOME MORE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE SUN GOT TOO LOW). CEE WHIZ! IT GOT COLD, AND EARL WITH NO CAP OR MITTENS -- LM-N-M-M!

VICKI SIMON HAS DEPARTED - ALTAR-BOUND TO BE MRS. BEN WILLIAMS -- WHEN, WE CAN'T SAY YET UNTIL SHE LETS US KNOW. SHE FLEW OUT ON THURSDAY THE 2ND, IN COMPANY OF MARCELLA GACKE, WHO WILL BE HER MAID OF HONOR. ALL OF VICKI'S FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES JOIN IN WISHING ALL OF THE BEST FOR A MIGHTY FINE PERSON AS SHE EMBARKS ON THAT FAMOUS "MATRIMONIAL SEA". MAYBE WE'LL BE SEEING HER AGAIN UP IN THESE PARTS SOMETIME, AND WE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.

A MEMBER OF OUR LITTLE "GANG" WAS FIVE YEARS OLD THE 29TH OF FEBRUARY -- CHARLOTTE ALDRIDGE. HER "HOME ROOM", 203, HAD A PARTY FOR HER BUT SHE FAILED TO SHOW UP -- COME, COME, CHARLOTTE, NO PERSONAL APPEARANCE? COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY MOVING TO THAT NEW APARTMENT? BY THE WAY, THE ALDRIDGES ARE IN THE MARKET FOR A "WALKIE-TALKIE" OUTFIT IN ORDER TO SAVE WEAR AND TEAR ON SHOE LEATHER, TO SAY NOTHING OF FRAYED NERVES, WHEN THEY BEGIN HUNTING UP AND DOWN THE HALLS FOR EACH OTHER AT NOON AND AFTER 5:00.

SUE CHOVERKA RETURNED ON THE 22ND OF FEBRUARY AFTER LEAVING THE 29TH OF JANUARY FOR A STAY IN BETWEEN THOSE DATES IN SEATTLE. SUE REPORTS A WONDERFUL TIME OUTSIDE, AND WE WOULDN'T WONDER, WHAT WITH DINNERS AT THE OLYMPIC, FLOWERS, ETC. ETC. TO SAY NOTHING OF ALL THE THINGS SHE SAW THAT SHE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BUY. SHE ACTUALLY WANTED TO STAY OUT THERE AND HUNTED AT SAVING HER PENNIES SO SHE COULD ACCOMPLISH SUCH -- NO HUM! WE BET SHE CHANGES HER MIND.

A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT -- TO TRY TO FOLLOW IN THE CAPABLE FOOTSTEPS OF VICKI SIMON -- IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE BRANCH -- BUT MILDRED ADAMS HOPES SHE WON'T FALL TOO FAR SHORT OF THE HIGH MARK SET FOR HER BY HER PREDECESSOR.

MR. SIMONDS IS EXPECTED BACK SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH AFTER LEAVING THE TERRITORY FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. ON FEBRUARY 15TH.

GLEANNED IN PASSING: CAROL PARSONS WANTING ANOTHER CAA PARTY LIKE THE LAST ONE, BUT QUICK! -- BLANCHE FEREDAY WEDDING PLANNING - PERIOD -- JUDD FOHLER SHOPPING FOR HIS WIFE'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS -- ALICE HUGHES "DOING" THE TYPEWRITERS NOW -- MRS. SEELEY "HEDDA HOPPER-ING" FOR THE BRANCH -- KITTY HISSLER DISPLAYING A PURPLE CAT WITH GREEN TAIL AND WHISKERS AS A LAPEL DECORATION (OH, OH, NO BLUE GOOSE?) -- MARJORIE PORCH (OUR PRETTY LITTLE BLACK-EYED FLORIDA GAIL) WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH -- LILA POTTS IN A NEW CHECKED JUMPER THAT SHE SAYS MAKES HER FEEL LIKE A LITTLE GIRL AGAIN -- EARL NORRIS, THE EXPERT "PICKER" OF IVORY BRACELETS - YES, SIR! -- MRS. STRATTON PINCHING ALL THE CHOCOLATES TO SEE, IF THEY IS OR IS THEY AIN'T HARD CENTERS (HER PREFERENCE).

THIS'S ALL, PEOPLE, DEADLINE TWO HOURS HENCE. IF THE READING WASN'T BEEN TOO TOUGH, THAT'S FINE.

BE SEEING YOU, COME NEXT ISSUE.

THE MUTTERER

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT WE HAVE TO CHEER ABOUT THIS MONTH IS AN ENGAGEMENT. OUR BEST WISHES TO ANNE SENEW AND LARRY ANDERSON, A GRAND COUPLE.

NEXT IN LINE, OF COURSE, IS THE PARTY, IN WHICH EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME! PERHAPS TOO GOOD A TIME; BUT ALL WERE ACCIDENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE DECORATIONS CREATED A HILARIOUS (AND RIOTOUS) ATMOSPHERE TO WHICH CRAZY COSTUMES CONTRIBUTED ALSO. VIVIAN CHEVILLON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEVER DECORATIONS (ON THE WALL). THANKS, MIV. JIM HUGGINS DOESN'T KNOW HOW CLOSE HE CAME TO A LAW SUIT OF BUSEY VERSUS HUGGINS. IS EVERYONE IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER PARTY? AYE!!

THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE DRAFTING ROOM HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE RALPH WALKER RETURNED TO A DRAFTING TABLE. HOW DID WE GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM FOR TWO AND A HALF MONTHS? WELCOME BACK, CHUM.

WE LIKE TO SAVE THE BEST FOR THE LAST. OUR CHOICEST BIT IS A NEW MEMBER TO THE WORKING FORCE. THE NEWS TRAVELED VERY FAST, JUDGING BY THE RATE THE ENGINEERS FLOWED INTO THE BLUEPRINT ROOM. BUT REALLY, MARIE, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR UNIT. INCIDENTALLY, THE NAME IS MARIE WORTH.

#### AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE EFFECTED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: BENJAMIN F. TWITCHELL AC OF TO ACAC WB, EUGENE A. PASTRO ACAC KP TO ACAC PH, EARNEST BEACH ACAC TW TO CAC SG, WALTER J. NORWALK CAC LU TO CAC ZZ, WILLIAM H. CONATSER AC JD TO ACAC ZZ, AND JOHN E. WENNER AC KG TO ACAC HG.

THE FOLLOWING TRAINEES HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY FROM THE SEATTLE TRAINING CENTER: CHARLES AND BETTY YOUNG TO BETTLES, BENJAMIN AND LOUISE LEE GATES TO KG, HAROLD AND DONIS GJERSE TO KG, DON AND FRANCES CHURCH TO KG, DANIEL AND BARTHA BURNS TO KG AND NORMAN AND ROMAYNE POTOSKY TO WB.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER REGIONS IN UNCLE SUGAR: A. EVELL DOWN KG TO THIRD AND JOHN F. HAMILTON KG TO SEVENTH.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS REPORTED FOR DUTY IN THIS REGION FROM UNCLE SUGAR: TROY R. AMOS AD FROM FIFTH, J. A. BOLAND FX FROM FIFTH, LESLIE W. BRUCE HQ FROM FIFTH, ROBERT J. CERRUTI GP FROM FIFTH, GEORGE D. FAULK VY FROM FIFTH, RICHARD N. ROGERS AD FROM FIFTH, CARL TUTINO OF FROM THIRD, JESSE B. WATKINS HQ FROM FIFTH, AND SIDNEY F. WISNER LU FROM THIRD.

DEAR MUKTEL:

FROM THE LAND WHERE BUSES WEAR PONTONS, PEDESTRIANS WEAR WATER WINGS AND THEY BUILD DAMS TO HOLD BACK THE SUNSHINE, I GIVE YOU SOME FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON HOW IT SEEMS TO BE OUTSIDE AFTER FOUR YEARS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY.

LEAVING ANCHORAGE ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH JIM HURST IN THE OLD RELIABLE BOEING, WE HAD A PERFECT TRIP TO SEATTLE. I MADE GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH UNITED AIR LINES AND ARRIVED IN BAKERSFIELD THE NEXT EVENING, AND WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN LA THE 19TH, ALSO, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT WAS SNOWING (SO HELP ME) IN LA. UNITED WAS GOING TO PUT US ON A BUS FROM BAKERSFIELD TO LA, BUT THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID NIX - THE RIDGE ROUTE WAS CLOSED BY SNOW. WE HELD AT BAKERSFIELD UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND THEN TOOK OFF ON WHAT IS NORMALLY A 45 MINUTE FLIGHT TO LA AND ARRIVED THERE OVER TWO HOURS LATER, AFTER SOME OF THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST BLIND FLYING THE SIDE OF THE ALPINES AT THEIR WORST. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A NAVY FLIER SITTING NEXT TO ME WHO, WHEN THINGS LOOKED KIND OF HOPELESS, CALMLY TORE UP SEVERAL ADDRESSES AND GIRLS' PICTURES SO HIS WIFE WOULDN'T KNOW - JUST IN CASE.

WELL, I'VE BEEN DOWN IN FURBY CALIFORNIA ALMOST 2 WEEKS NOW, AND THE SUNSHINE HAS BEEN COMING DOWN IN SHEETS EXCEPT FOR TWO DAYS WHEN IT QUIT RAINING TO LET THE WIND BLOW UNHINDERED.

I ROWED DOWN TO THE SIXTH REGIONAL OFFICE A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO (IT'S ONLY A FEW CANALS FROM WHERE I'M STAYING) AND THE FIRST PERSON I MET WERE EX-SOURDOUGH G. S. MCKEAN AND JOE LEE - BOTH LOOKING HOLE AND HEARTY AND TAN AS INDIANS YEP - SUN LAMPS CAN DO WONDERS FOR A PERSON.

KAC AND JOE AND I SWAPPED A FEW TALES AND THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR USUAL "UNUSUAL" WEATHER. KAC LIVES UP THE CREEK QUITE A WAYS, BUT HE NEVER GETS LOST COMING TO WORK IN THE MORNING. HIS BOAT HAS A GLASS BOTTOM SO HE CAN READ THE STREET SIGNS, AND HE CAN TELL WHEN HE GETS CLOSER TO TOWN BECAUSE MORE PEDESTRIANS GO FLOATING BY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TENDER MY APOLOGIES TO MESSRS. HOPPIN, HULEN AND WHITTAKER FOR NOT TAKING TO HEART SOME OF THEIR REPORTS ON LIVING CONDITIONS OUTSIDE. EVEN IF YOU CAN FIND A HOUSE, THE RENT CEILINGS ARE CAUV, IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN, AND THE RATIONING IS TOUGH, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO REDUCE ANYWAY, DOGGONIT. EVEN THE SERVICE MEN DOWN HERE ARE TOUGH AND HARD TO GET ALONG WITH. THE MARINES HERE WASH THEIR NECKS WITH SADDLESOAP.

ALL IS NOT ON THE GLOOMY SIDE, HOWEVER. FOR THE INFORMATION OF A FRIEND OF MINE IN WASH, DRAUGHT BEER IS STILL 10 CENTS A GLASS, BILL.

73 AND DON'T FORGET TO SWAP YOUR SWIMMING TRUNKS FOR A RAINCOAT BEFORE HEADING THIS WAY.

FD. SNYDER

THE "JEFFORDS AIRWAYS" HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE THIS MONTH. THREE PLANES IN THE AIR AT ONE TIME IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE. WHENEVER THE AIR TRUCK PERMITS, AIR FREIGHT MOVES OUT FROM HQ AT A RAPID RATE, BUT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS CHIEF OR JACKSON REPORTS THAT THERE'S PLENTY MORE AND THAT COMES FROM:

THE CURRENT \$64 QUESTION IS HOW TO GET A TRIP TO CARBELL. WILL IT GO THRU THE DOOR OF THE CHIEF? THE HANGAR CREW AND THE DC-3'S LIPPER ARE NOW ARGUING THIS POINT. AL MORNING WOULD PREFER JUST AS SOON LEAVE THE PROBLEM UNTOUCHED. TO DRIVE A JEEP IS HIS POSITION OF THE STANDING. HOW ABOUT A TRADE, WKT ONE (MORNING), OF THE DOUBLE-BREADED CUD VARIETY, FOR THE JEEP.

THE APPROACHING IDEAS OF MARCH ARE CASTING THEIR SHADOW OVER THIS SECTION. OUR OPTIMIST, WOODY ISLAND, AT FIRST THOUGHT MR. MORRIS THAU TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE, BUT HE MUST HAVE HAD A DECIMAL POINT IN THE WRONG PLACE, FOR NOW HE, TOO, IS BEGGING OUT. UNLESS THEY CAN FIND SOME EXCEPTIONALLY FINE FOXEN PLAYERS, THE BOYS WILL SOON BE REDUCED TO MATCHING NICKELS.

THE HANGAR BOYS CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE NO 99 BILLS OF NEXT TO THE RIFER'S ONLY TO HAVE IT PUT OF THE WAY. SOUND LOGICAL, BUT WE NOTICE THAT "FUZZ" NEVER HANGS AROUND OUT IN THE HANGAR LATELY.

WE FEAR WE ARE WITNESSING A NEW ERUPTION OF THE OLD JEFFORDS-HUNT FEUD, THAT INTERMITTENT BATTLE WHICH STARTED YEARS AGO IN NEBRASKA, WHEN TWO YOUNG WOULD-BE AIRPLANE SALESMEN TRIED TO STEAL EACH OTHER'S CUSTOMERS. WE HAVE NO TRIP, BUT IT SEEMS NO MORE COINCIDENCE THAT THESE FINE FOLKS SUDDENLY GAINED SO MUCH TIME THAT JACK, WORKING OUT A PRACTICE PROBLEM IN CELESTIAL NAVIGATION, LOST A NIGHT'S SLEEP TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY HIS BACKYARD WAS 18 MILES NORTHWEST OF ATUVA AND A FEW DAYS LATER RETURNED FROM NONE TO FIND THAT HIS CAR WOULD RUN, BUT ONLY AT GREATLY REDUCED POWER. WITH EVIDENCE OF SACRIFICE POINTS IN ONLY ONE DIRECTION - CIVIL WAR IN AIRWAYS INSPECTION!

#### TRIP TO BARROV (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

WEETS 60 SMACKERS PER TON LAID DOWN AT BARROV... WHY BUY A YEAR'S PROCEDES AT A TIME. JUST TWENTY US DOLLARS, INVOLVE PLANNING YOUR MENU A YEAR IN ADVANCE....PEOPLE TALK ABOUT SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AS THE ULTIMATE, BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BARROV BRAND.....

THURSDAY: A FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN BUILT OVER THE LEFT ENGINE, AND THE CREW WORK ALL MORNING ON IT....MRS. K. HAS 5 HUNGRY GUESTS FOR LUNCH AND MARTHA JUNE (AGE 9 MONTHS) WATCHES FROM HER PLAY PEN AND THE REVEREND BETS SO INTERESTED IN THE FLYING TALK HE FORGETS TO EAT...WE TAKE OFF AT 0900Z FOR THE RETURN TRIP, BRINGING WITH THE MAIL AND OUR CONSTRUCTION CREW...ENGINE BLOCKS AND STUTTS MOST OF THE WAY BACK TO YC, BUT THANK HEAVENS IT DOESN'T QUIT ENTIRELY, AS ALL OF OUR CABIN HEAT COMES FROM THAT ONE...THE 10 BOYS TEACH FUZZ AND ME "WHISKEY POKER", FROM TO A WHISKEY, AS WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WHISKEY OR LUCK EITHER.....

NINE COMMUNICATORS HAVE THIS FAR COMPLETED THE ENTIRE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE AND HAVE BEEN AWARDED LETTERS OF ATTAINMENT AS FOLLOWS: MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD ANDERSON, RICHARD DEWANE, MR. AND MRS. NOBLE F. LAESCH, JOHN P. LARSON, EUGENE B. LOWMAN, ROBERT A. MILLER, AND R. M. MISNER. BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY OTHER COMMUNICATORS HAVE ONLY THE "COMMUNICATIONS" ELEMENT REMAINING TO BE FINISHED AND ARE EXPECTED TO QUALIFY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THESE LETTERS ARE BEING AWARDED PENDING FORMAL ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY BY WASHINGTON AT A LATER DATE. PRESENT INDICATIONS POINT TO THE DESIRABILITY OF COMPLETING THE ADVANCED TRAINING PHASE WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS ON TEMPORARY TOURS OF DUTY IN THIS REGION ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THEIR CERTIFICATION TRAINING AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO RETURN TO THE STATES. WORK THIS COMPLETED WILL BE CREDITED AND RESULTANT GRADES FORWARDED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE CONCERNED UPON COMPLETION OF ALASKAN DUTY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMUNICATORS DESIRING TO OBTAIN STATION "NAVIGATORS" SUCH AS WERE RECENTLY FURNISHED ALL AIRWAY COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS, THIS ITEM MAY BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE MAYDAY FLIGHT COMPANY, 3257 GILLHAM PLAZA, KANSAS CITY 3, MISSOURI. THE RETAIL PRICE IS \$1.50. (ED NOTE: WE THINK THE BEST AIRCRAFT PLOTTER IS BY FAR THE BETTER AT \$2.50) THIS SAME ORGANIZATION ALSO PUBLISHES AN UP-TO-DATE MANUAL ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF U. S. CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS", WHICH IS ONE OF THE BEST PUBLICATIONS WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT. THE MOST RECENT EDITION, ILLUSTRATED, HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO JANUARY 1, 1944, AND IS AVAILABLE AT 50 CENTS PER COPY.

WOODY ISLAND ADVISES THAT CLASSES FOR THE GROUP STUDY OF CERTIFICATION SUBJECTS ARE BEING HELD AT THAT STATION THREE EVENINGS PER WEEK ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATION TRAINING NECESSARILY RESTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE SELF-STUDY. CLASSES SUCH AS THESE WILL BE FOUND OF GREAT VALUE AND ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS PERMIT.

WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS, IN QUANTITY, HAVE NOW BEEN MAILED TO ALL FIELD STATIONS. JUDGING FROM RETURNS ALREADY RECEIVED, THE ARRIVAL OF THESE TEST FORMS HAS BEEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITED. WE ARE MAKING A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PROVIDE EXAMINEES WITH THEIR EXAMINATION GRADES WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY. A SPECIAL REPORT FORM HAS BEEN DEvised FOR THIS PURPOSE, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO REPORTING GRADES ATTAINED, INDICATES OUTSTANDING WEAK POINTS ENCOUNTERED BY THE GRADER.

FRIDAY: BY THIS TIME ALL ARE USED TO HAVING ONE LAZY ENGINE, SO WE JUST WARM 'EM UP AND TAKE OFF FOR HQ. LIKE AN OLD HORSE HEAVING FOR THE BARN, THE BURNED THING RUNS THE BEST IT HAS IN 4 DAYS; NOT MUCH POWER, BUT THE NUMBER WE GET TO HOME THE BETTER IT RUNS. WE EVEN CONSIDER FEATHERING THE PROP AND COMING IN ON ONE JUST TO CONVINCE HERB WE REALLY HAD TROUBLE WITH IT. WITH A TAIL WIND WE MAKE HQ IN 3:21 AND CIVIL....SMALL TRIP. WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA.....