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## Our Cover

One thing that impresses RCA customers who use our main counter at 223 South King Street in Honolulu, Hawaii, is the neat, business-like appearance of this office which serves many business firms in downtown Honolulu. Judging from this photograph it is our guess that the next attraction would be the wahines who work there.

## Could You Pass A Test Like This?

Sign if Qualified — If you were to be judged today and asked if you could honestly subscribe to the following formula . . . .

That you have been just to those who need help, whether you like them or not . . .

That you have been sympathetic and tolerant . . .

That you have been understanding when inclined to criticism . . .

That you have been grateful for the small favors of life and have shared them with others . . .

That you have accepted your task in life as a privilege and have honored it . . .

That you have returned kindness for kindness and in some small way tried to make the world a better place to live in for yourself and for others . . .

Would you like to be able, without reservation, to write your name here .....

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*Any American who says he lives under a free government must be guilty of tax evasion.*

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### Ain't It So?

The scoffers said it couldn't be done,  
And the odds were so great, who wouldn't?  
But I tackled the job that couldn't be done,  
And what do you know?  
It couldn't?

Austrian Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Wilfried Platzer (left) is shown with VP and District Manager C. J. Rennie in the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., during ceremonies held opening the RCA Telex circuit to Vienna.



## **New Telex, Telegraph Channels To Austria**

An exchange of messages between government and communications officials in Vienna, New York and Washington, D.C., highlighted the opening of new telegraph and telex circuits linking the United States with Austria.

During the ceremonies, held simultaneously in Vienna's Hotel Sacher, the Austrian Embassy in Washington, and RCA Communications' executive offices in New York, greetings were exchanged between U. S. Ambassador to Austria M. H. Freeman Matthews and Austrian Ambassador Dr. Wilfried Platzer in Washington. Telex messages were also sent by Austrian government officials to

Dr. Franz Matsch, Austria's Ambassador to the United Nations and to Dr. Karl Wolf, Austrian Consul General in New York.

Following an exchange of congratulatory messages with officials of Radio Austria, President Thompson H. Mitchell, noted that the new transatlantic circuits for the first time would make direct customer-to-customer teleprinter communication with Austria available to the U. S. subscribers of RCA's international telex network. "They will also provide high quality telegraph channels for handling the fast growing volume of overseas telegrams circulating between the two countries," he said.

Play This Version Of:



Secretary Ellen Stephens (Personnel) uses an electric typewriter costing: \$345? \$190? \$510?

## “The Price Is Right”

Did you ever stop to think of what it cost to provide just one of the many tools you use on your job?

The list of items required to perform the variety of jobs here at RCA Communications covers a wide range of prices all the way from the insignificant paper clip to the costly terminal office equipment and station plant facilities.

Without these day-to-day commodities — the “nuts and bolts”



Automatic Operator Thomas Fuchsman places telex call on the new Siemens Printer T-100 which costs: \$1800? \$2300? \$950?

of our business — plant and office operations would soon come to a halt.

Our Company has millions of dollars invested in the tools and equipment necessary to keep this business going. And this expenditure is necessary before you can earn your pay check.

We wonder how many employees could put the right price tag on some of the tools and equipment we use in this Company. Here is your chance to play a photo version of "The Price Is Right." From the prices listed under each picture, see if you can choose the right amount, before checking the answers on the following page.



Combination Technician Al Simmons drills a piece of stock with an electric power drill valued at: \$29? \$49? \$79?



This Weston Analyzer being used by Joseph Fay, Combination Technician, N. Y. Plant costs: \$27? \$49? \$19?



CT Thomas McDermott operating a Delta Table Saw in the Machine Shop which sells for: \$470? \$290? \$325?

Receiving Technician D. W. Crews of Riverhead checks signals on a Type 322-A Oscilloscope which sells for about: \$860? \$1100? \$1500?



Joseph Tarantino (Personnel) totes up some figures on a MONRO-Matic Calculator. The cost: \$390? \$265? \$820?

### These Prices Are Right

Electric Typewriter	\$ 510
Siemens Printer	\$1800
Electric Drill	\$ 79
Weston Analyzer	\$ 49
Delta Table Saw	\$ 470
MONRO Calculator	\$ 820
Oscilloscope	\$1100



# People and Jobs

*The following changes on the staff were announced last month:*

**Rafael Navas** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**John E. Sayers** from Service Clerk to Automatic Operator.

**Anthony J. Titone** from Messenger to Check Clerk II.

**Robert J. Sweigbaum** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Vincent J. Pucci** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Attilio T. Iannucci** from Operating Technician to Technical Supervisor.

**Winifred R. Zeeb** from Secretary RCA Service Company to Secretary, Domestic Sales.

**John J. Niskoch, Jr.**, from Messenger to Check Clerk II.

**Henrietta Greco** from Secretary PO&S to Executive Secretary, Operations Engineering.

**Joseph Barocas** from Service Clerk to Automatic Operator.

**Lawrence Grecco** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Joseph D. Ciaccia** from Traffic Accounting Clerk to Check Clerk II.

**Sharon R. Law** from Secretary, Domestic Sales to Legal Secretary, Law Office.

**Katherine M. Loger** from Typist-Clerk to Secretary, Domestic Sales.

**Richmond K. Aiu** from General Messenger to Motorcycle Messenger, Honolulu.

**William J. Greig** from Delivery Chief to Manager "D" Office.

**James F. Waples** from Manager New York Sales to Manager Press Services and Special Events.

**George A. Shawy** from Commercial Representative to Administrator, Publicity.

**Henry Goldblatt** from Manager New York Public Offices to Manager Administration Services.



James J. Lowery appointed Manager New York Branch Offices.



Robert J. Angliss appointed Manager Advanced Projects.



Val Arbogast appointed Manager Advertising, Commercial Services.

# Self-Test On Practical Politics

An example of a creative political education tool is the quiz for union members circulated by COPE (Committee on Political Education), which is the political arm of the AFL-CIO. This questionnaire is a self-test to show a person how he rates politically.

Here is the quiz. Scoring at the end tells whether or not you are politically satisfactory:

## Political Questionnaire

In answering the questions below, circle the "YES," if that is your answer. Then check your score with the schedule at the bottom.

1. Are you registered to vote? YES

### Did you vote:

2. In the most recent primary elections? YES

3. In the most recent general elections? YES

4. In the most recent school board elections? YES

5. Have you ever helped a political (partisan or nonpartisan) campaign by doing at least *two* of the following? YES

Telephone?

Ring doorbells?

Volunteering for clerical work?

Making a voluntary financial contribution?

Using a car or other facilities to get out the voters on election day?

6. Have you ever written a letter on some political issue to any *three* of the following? YES

Your senior U. S. Senator?

Your Mayor?

Your junior U. S. Senator?

Your City Council?

Your U. S. Congressman?

Your local newspaper?

Your Governor?

A broadcasting studio?

Your State Senator?

A TV or radio news

Your State Representative?

commentator?

7. Have you listened to or read carefully a speech by any political figure with whom you are in very strong disagreement? YES

8. Have you spoken out within the past six months, either in a private discussion or in a public meeting, in defense of your point of view on a political issue? YES



9. Have you ever attended a political party meeting on the local, state or national level? YES
10. Do you belong to at least one political organization, either a political party club or an independent action organization? YES
11. Have you ever served on a jury without trying to get out of it? Or, if you have ever been asked to serve, would you serve if you were asked to do so this week? YES
12. Have you ever visited any *three* of the following? YES  
 U. S. Congress?  
 Your state Legislature?  
 A U. S. Congressional committee hearing?  
 A state legislative committee hearing?  
 A court session?  
 A meeting of your school board?  
 A meeting of your county supervisors?  
 A meeting of your city council?
13. Have you made it a point to meet any *two* of the following? YES  
 Your senior U. S. Senator?                      Your State Senator?  
 Your junior U. S. Senator?                      Your State  
 Your U. S. Congressman?                      Representative?

**Can you give the first and last names of:**

14. Senior U. S. Senator? YES                      18. Your Governor? YES  
 15. Junior U. S. Senator? YES                      19. Your State Senator? YES  
 16. U. S. Congressman? YES                      20. Your Representative? YES  
 17. Your chief state school officer? YES                      21. Your Mayor? YES

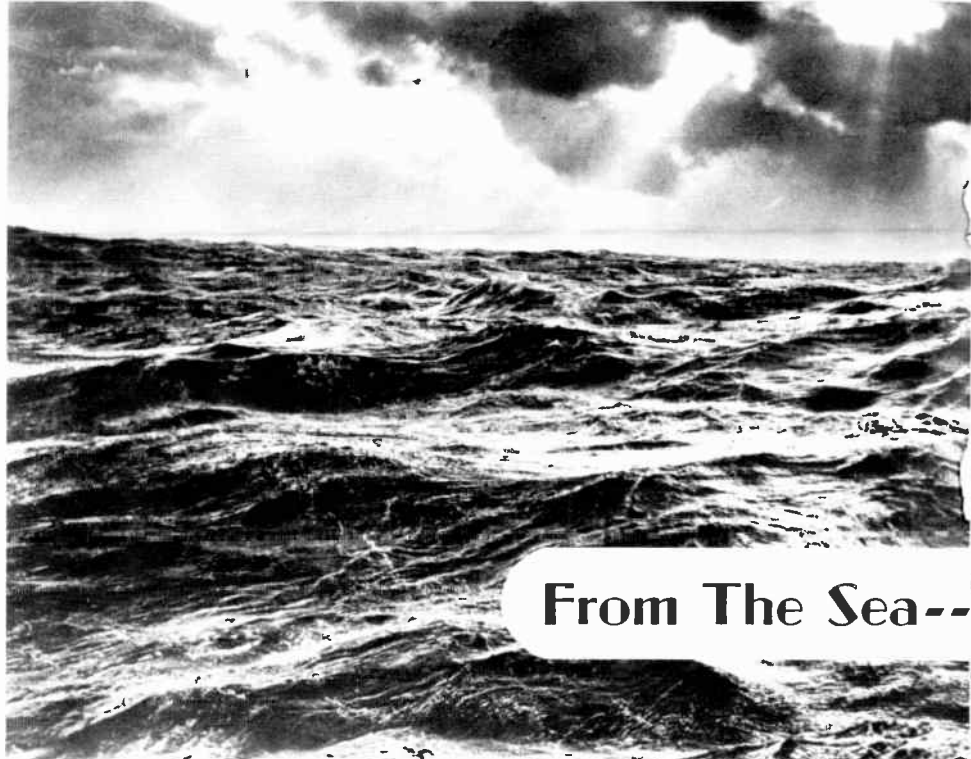
**Do you know the stand on labor legislation of:**

22. Your senior U. S. Senator? YES                      25. Your Governor? YES  
 23. Your junior U. S. Senator? YES                      26. Your State Senator? YES  
 24. Your U. S. Congressman? YES                      27. Your State Representative? YES

**Have you done anything to help promote:**

28. Better state legislation? YES                      29. Better federal legislation? YES

Count three points for each circled YES. Add three points to total.  
 SCORE — A 80-90 Excellent    B 70-80 Good    C 60-70 Fair  
 Below 60 — Politically unsatisfactory.



## From The Sea--

That “drop in the bucket” you hear people scoff at may soon become precious stuff . . . if it’s water. Few Americans realize how the consumption of fresh water has soared and how ingenious some scientists have been in seeking ways to maintain an adequate supply in the face of the exploding demand.

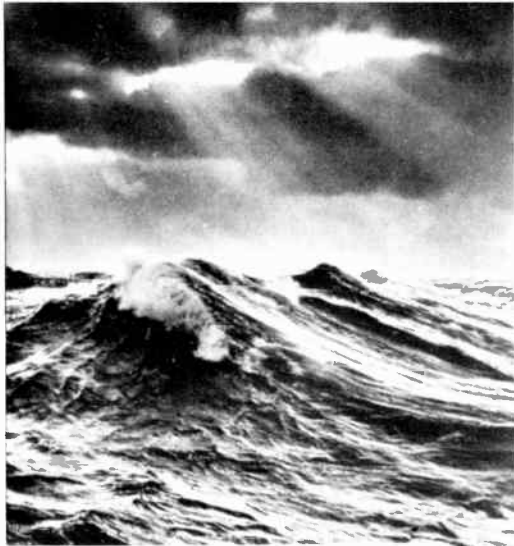
One idea—closer to reality than most of us think and far more practical than it may sound—is to de-salt the sea.

At the root of the supply problem is the fact that our future needs cannot be met by water from our lakes, rivers and streams. The advent of air conditioning, auto-

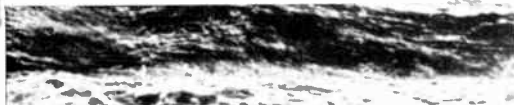
matic washers and a host of other new products, not to mention the effects of improved plumbing and health standards, have upped our individual daily water requirements from 40 gallons in 1900 to 150 gallons or more today.

Although great in themselves, individual requirements pale before the burgeoning demands of industry. The American industrial complex now uses an estimated 110 billion gallons of water a day to slake its ravenous thirst and it will need more than twice that much by 1980.

In testimony filed with a U. S. Senate Committee, Charles A. Robinson, Jr., staff engineer for the



## --Fresh Water!



National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, warned that "our nation will dry up" unless appropriate action is taken.

Dr. Leroy E. Burney, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, has predicted that in 20 years, "the United States will be short 85 billion gallons of fresh water every day."

You needn't wait 20 years to see the shortage, however. In 1957, water supplies plummeted to dangerously low levels in 47 states, necessitating emergency measures in more than a thousand communities.

Dr. A. L. Miller, director of the Office of Saline Water, has this to say: "It is my personal opinion

that should a severe drought occur, similar to those we endured in the early thirties and in the years 1953 and 1957, a real emergency would occur in thousands of cities and towns in the United States."

Interestingly, the problem isn't new. Ancient writings indicate that even before the Greek philosopher Aristotle tried his hand at it 2,300 years ago, efforts were made to obtain sweet water from the salty seas. This is why converting sea water to fresh has been called "the ancient dream of man."

Today, most major ocean-going vessels carry their own conversion equipment. Our aircraft carriers of the Forrestal Class, for example, have four 50,000-gallon-per-day evaporators to supply the water needs of these huge ships and their large crews. Land-based plants have been erected in several arid locations and many more are planned as the cost of conversion is reduced.

Since World War II, scientists around the world have been diligently searching for more efficient and less costly processes.

New on the horizon, but capturing the attention and imagination of the world, are the efforts now underway to produce fresh water from the sea by freezing.

Scientists have known for a long time that ice crystals consist of pure water. Unfortunately, when sea water freezes, salt or brine is trapped between the crystals. Thus, desalting the sea by freezing gives rise to two major problems:

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first, to develop an economical method of freezing individual ice crystals, and second, to develop a practical method of separating these crystals from the salty brine.

Recently, Struthers Wells Corporation of Warren, Pennsylvania, and Scientific Design Company of New York City succeeded in developing a freezing process that features the formation and growth of large ice crystals. The result: a marked reduction in surface area which makes it far easier to separate and wash the crystals free of brine.

Working under a contract awarded by the U. S. Department of the Interior's Office of Saline Water, the two companies completed an engineering evaluation of their process in a laboratory model of the plant. The next step will be the construction of a large size pilot plant to provide a full scale test of the exciting new approach to the freezing method.

The system operates this way: by bubbling a refrigerant through sea water under controlled conditions, large pure water ice crystals are produced and then washed free of salt in a centrifuge, leaving the ice free of brine.

If the system works, and laboratory tests give every promise of success, it will be a real step forward in the urgent search for a new, low-cost source of fresh water that can banish forever the specter of water shortage that now hangs heavy over our heads—for it will tap the world's biggest supply of raw material . . . the estimated 320 million cubic miles of sea water!

## Open Telex Service To Taiwan, New Zealand

International telex service between Taiwan and the United States and between the United States and New Zealand was inaugurated on September 1.

Using the new trans-pacific circuits, subscribers in the United States can now engage in two-way teleprinter conversations with their correspondents in Taiwan and New Zealand. The addition of Taiwan and New Zealand brings the total of overseas points reached by RCA's global telex network to 53.



Mr. Y. T. Chang of CGRA Taiwan recently spent several weeks visiting with officials and division managers in the N. Y. offices. Mr. Chang is the recipient of a United Nations Fellowship covering a four month telecommunications program in the United States. On September 1, RCA inaugurated Telex Service with Taiwan and Mr. Chang (right) is shown with General Superintendent John McKenna during inaugural ceremonies opening Telex Service between the U. S. and Taiwan.

*Emblem  
Awards*



**John H. Muller**  
New York  
35 Years

*For  
October*



**Constant Lasiewski**  
New York  
35 Years



**Louis deBottari**  
New York  
30 Years



**William L. Forrest**  
Rocky Point  
35 Years



**Primitivo Morales**  
Manila  
30 Years



**Cipriano Servillon**  
Manila  
25 Years

# BROAD STREET BREVITIES

Traffic Engineer D. E. Hempstead and Controller E. W. Peterson will join representatives of other Communications Companies from all over the world at the International Telephone & Telegraph Consultative Committee meeting in New Delhi, India, next month.

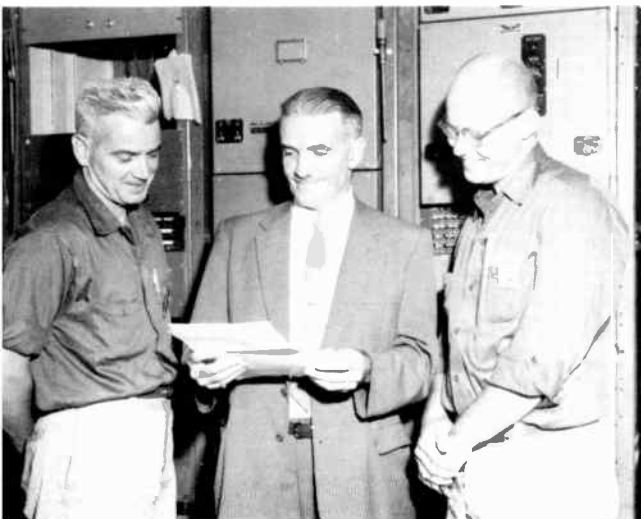
Marilyn Margiott, Commercial Activities, is currently touring the Caribbean on the Nieuw Amsterdam.

Telephone Operator Rita Burns was the lucky winner of \$500.00 at the St. Michael's Booster Club in Brooklyn. Her good fortune came at just the right time — a few weeks before her son, Joseph, married Mildred Sirak.

Nice to have Ruth Ireland, Key Punch Operator, and Willie Quinn, Radio Operator, back at their jobs after extended illnesses.

Fred Preiss, Treasurer's proudly reports that his son will start college this fall at the University of Delaware where he will study Conservation Engineering. Fred Jr., received the Thomas Giglio award for the outstanding athlete with the highest scholastic standing when he graduated last June from Croton-Harmon High School, Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York.

Roslyn Zirin, Key Punch Operator, married Lawrence Schisel last month.



McConnell Hutchins, Manager N. Y. Plant, (center) presents a \$100 suggestion award to Harold Conaty (left) and John Bisbee (right). Conaty and Bisbee shared the award for an idea they submitted to the Suggestion Committee. During the past few months over \$500 was paid out to employees for adopted suggestions.



President T. H. Mitchell (center) accepts the Minute Man Award from Treasury Department Representatives Sy Gruber (left) and Howard Smith (right). This award is presented to business organizations with a 50% or better participation in the U. S. Savings Bond program. Our participation reached 65.6% during the recent bond campaign.



The crew at EX office had to shut down operations on the afternoon of the recent hurricane when the office became flooded. Business was carried on through "D" Office and, thanks to the hard work of the office staff, EX was back on the job the next morning.

Nick Cardillo, Engineering Assistant, tells us that his son Paul, a marine currently touring the Mediterranean with the 6th Fleet aboard the US attack Carrier Intrepid, was given time off to view the Olympic games in Rome last month.

Eugene Prisco and Pat Anderson, both Automatic Operators in CRO, became Mr. & Mrs. last month.

Good to welcome back Ernie Silvain, Tfc. Asst., after a lengthy illness.

Don Didier, Manager Tabulating, became the father of a baby boy . . . Len Tuft, Assistant General Attorney, also a new father, will call his son David Stuart.

## Obituary

**Fred Steman**, Radio Operator (retired) passed away on September 8 at age 70.

Mr. Steman was born in London, England and went to work for the British Marconi Company in 1904 as a Radio Operator. From 1907 to 1911 he was employed by Telfunken-Berlin, Germany as an operator. He came to the U. S. in 1911 and for many years served as a marine operator. In 1928 he joined the RCA operating staff in CRO, New York, and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1955.

# **POINT TO POINT**

## **RIVERHEAD**

*By Connie Mattie*



Maryann P. Fennelly, daughter of Traffic Supervisor Thomas J. Fennelly and Mary E. Fennelly, former Switchboard Operator, is a recent graduate of the Queen of the Rosary Academy in Amityville, Long Island. Maryann entered Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica last month where she is in training as a Student Nurse.

## **Retirements**

Frank Kremp, Technician-in-charge WCC Chatham, Mass., retired on September 1 at age 60.

Mr. Kremp joined the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company in 1919 as a Dynamo Tender. During his forty years with RCA he served as a technician at Marion, Rocky Point, Kahuku, Honolulu, Bolinas, and Tangier. In 1948 he was transferred to WCC Chatham.

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Robert E. Hurley, Radio Operator, Washington, D. C., retired on October 1 at age 60.

Mr. Hurley joined the Washington operating staff in 1942.

Harry Tyte rates headlines this month. While bowling with his daughter, Linda, he came up with a mighty score of 633, with consecutive games of 191-187-255. Harry became a member of the "250" club and received a trophy from the Lanes.

More new arrivals in RD families — it was a girl, Denise, for AEC Marshall Etter and wife, while the Jimmy Raynor's celebrated the arrival of their first, Jimmy, Jr., on August 26th. Ex-RL Secretary Joyce Montag became the mother of a new daughter on August 24th.

A new 50-star flag is proudly flying over RD with Joe Nedosik as the official flag-tender.

Hurricane Donna did little or no damage to our antenna field — a tribute to the workmanship of our riggers. Their constant efforts to improve the structure of our antennas really paid off when the big winds came.

W. F. Wilcox returned to his home port of RD on Sept. 12th, joining our Maintenance Technician Group. "Willie" spent the intervening years since he left here in Tangiers and we all welcome him back to the fold. Despite his absence of approximately 15 years, most of the faces here to greet him were the same as those he left behind.

## ROCKY POINT

*By Bob Oliver*

Wedding bells have rung once again—this time for secretary Arline Martin who became Mrs. Robert H. Dannemann on July 30. The groom hails from Amityville, L. I., and the newlyweds made the state of Maine their honeymoon location. All best wishes to you, Arline, for a long and happy married life.

Vacation trips also hold the spotlight, and the following have been places and seen things: Willis Calkins was seen swimming in Lake George, N. Y.; Joe Bush attended a family reunion in the hamlet of Lemon, Indiana, and told me the town is named after his maternal grandfather—believe lemonade was the most popular beverage

served at this conclave; Joe Ungerzagt explored the mountains in New Hampshire and upstate New York; Arnold Fladhammer was seen window shopping on Collins Avenue in Miami Beach; Lowell Fletcher drove to the far reaches of northern Minnesota; and Elmer Klahn decided to make the grand tour of the many interesting spots in Washington, D. C.

## WASHINGTON

*By Robert E. Hurley*

It's congratulations all around this month as follows:

1. To the Company for hosting the International Communications Conference. As a result of this symposium the prospects appear bright for an inexpensive, stream-



Chief Rigger Otto K. Olsen presents a \$10 suggestion award to George H. Gates (right) of Rocky Point. Gates received the award for his idea to improve antenna hardware.

lined, standardized conventional telegram to compete effectively with Telex and cable operations, leased channels, data communications and satellite communications.

2. To Relay and its able editor Gene Mc Auliffe on the Magazine's twentieth anniversary.

3. To Dela Vicente on her interesting account of Mr. Eisenhower's goodwill visit to Manila.

4. To our own Ed Grunberg on his equally interesting article on President Eisenhower's tour of the Far East.

5. To Fred Constantine who reports he reached the half century mark on August 16.

*(Editor's Note: We would like to send our best wishes to Bob Hurley who retired from the Company on October 1. We are sure our readers will miss his newsy reports from the Washington scene. Bob has been covering the doings in the Washington District for many years, and his monthly columns have always been entertaining and informative. This is just a small measure of thanks for a job well done).*

In the July-August issue of Relay Connie Mattie of Riverhead wrote, "We've heard of people doing strange things on holidays, but can you top this? Roy Winterbottom spent the Memorial Day weekend on a snake hunting expedition in New Jersey." The answer is no, it can't be topped here Connie! While there is no herpetologist in these parts, there is, however, a piscatologist, Frank Lee, and an ornithologist, Dick Moynihan.

New Yorkers seen down in Washington recently included Leonard Tuft and Don Hempstead. Another visitor was Charles Clark from Manila who stopped in to talk over old times.

Martin Katcher and his family vacationing in his home town of Brooklyn, New York . . . Viv Hays ventured to Bridgeport, Conn., to visit his sister . . . Fred Libby enjoyed the salt water and fresh air at Atlantic City, N. J. . . . And it was three weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida for Lee Morgan.

## Report from Chatham

Frank Kremp, Engineer-in-Charge of South Chatham's high-powered transmitting station was the guest of honor, along with Mrs. Kremp, at a farewell dinner party to mark his retirement from RCA after more than forty years of service. The party, which was well attended by management and members of the local staff, was held at Wequassett Inn, East Harwich, Cape Cod on September 10.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Strong; Mr. and Mrs. Jean R. Lorraine; Mr. and Mrs. William H. H. Fishback; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ryder; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galbraith; Mr. and Mr. Thomas B. Cave; Mr. Archibald C. MacLean; Mr. Gordon G. MacIntosh; Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Doane and Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Snow.

As a token of their esteem and affection the staff presented Frank with a F. M. Tuner which will add

to his imposing array of Hi-Fi equipment.

During his long service in radio Frank kept pace with engineering developments in transmitters all the way from the ancient timed-spark of Marconi, to the modern high power RCA tube transmitters of today. Frank helped install and operate transmitting equipment in Hawaii and Morocco for the Navy during World War II. As an expert on the famous Alexanderson Alternators he helped the Navy maintain uninterrupted communications with Washington, D. C.

Frank was forced to retire at age 60 because of ill health, but he and Mrs. Kremp have an interesting and unusual hobby which should keep them busy most of the time. As outstanding archaeologists they have assembled what is perhaps the finest collection of Indian artifacts in this part of the country. This has been their hobby for the past 35 years and it is certain to hold their interest in the years ahead.

## POINT REYES

*By C. M. Cherrigan*

Friends of KPH Manager Frank Geisel will be glad to know he is progressing satisfactorily after his recent automobile accident.

We welcome to the KPH staff, Radio Operator Alvaro Lima. Alvaro replaces Harry Miers who recently resigned.

We would like to send our best regards and good wishes to Maintenance Man Johnny Phillipshek, who left us after more than two

years of service here.

During the past month we have been putting the finishing touches on the old XL installations. The two primary standards and clocks have been dismantled and the bulkhead is being knocked out to make one room, and provide greater space for lockers and other equipment in the recreation room.

Two former RS employees, George Wiley and Walt Lindell, recently visited the station and were much impressed by the new look and the latest equipment.

Newest eye-catching item around here is the new white Corvette convertible owned by Al and Toni Dyosky. These former East Coasters are spending their days off touring California. We may not get Al to wear a sweatshirt and ten-gallon hat just yet, but we're making progress — the other night he went bowling without his necktie!

Rigger Lee Richardson's recent addiction to go-cart racing is providing the fans with many thrills with his daredevil tactics on the local tracks.

Technician Clarence Griffith has contributed 22 pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. A mighty fine record.

RCA Hams desiring to apply for the WACC (Worked All California Counties) Award, and who need some of the hard to get ones may arrange a schedule with W6DIX through this reporter. W6DIX, Mr. K. D. Wilson, is currently operating mobile in Northern California, and will visit all the counties that are requested.

## SAN FRANCISCO

*By Robert Eberle*

On August 4, Mr. Harry Austin was honored at a surprise luncheon to commemorate the tenth anniversary of his promotion to Vice President in charge of Pacific Coast Activities.

The guest of honor was lured to the affair on the pretext of meeting a new and possibly valuable prospect for our services. When he viewed the faces around the table, one of whom was his wife's, and realized the deception, he was, by his subsequent admission, speechless for the second time in his life. The first time was when General Ingles telephoned to advise him he

was being elevated to the position of Vice President.

The group in attendance, however, were quite voluble, in the limited time permitted, in their congratulations and best wishes for Mr. Austin's future success.

We welcome Patricia Spargur, our District Sales Manager's new secretary. Patty replaces Caroline Smith who left us to work full time as a homemaker.

We are all pleased to see Mel Wold back on the job after her long absence as a result of a serious operation. Since Mel is our "right arm" the writer is especially glad to see her back, but our thanks also goes to Caroline Winger who filled in so well for Mel.

## **San Francisco Surprise Party - - -**





## HONOLULU

*By Bruce E. Flood*

There has been a lot of water under Diamond Head since our last reporting of doings in the Hawaiian District. We have in turn welcomed the President of the United States on a short vacation stopover enroute home from his Asiatic tour, and more recently Mr. Nixon who began his major campaign for the Presidency on our shores.

During Mr. Eisenhower's visit we had the pleasure of working with Ed Grunberg of Washington who assisted us in setting up and managing a special press camp located at the Hawaiian Village

Hotel where daily press conferences were held by Mr. Eisenhower's press secretary James Haggarty. This office was very ably staffed by APO's Ron Yasui, Dave Yu, Louella Oshiro and Clerks Nancy Asmus and Pat Thrall. We had the impression that the newsmen were very favorably impressed not only by our services via direct circuits to San Francisco and New York, but by the comely lasses who served them.

Despite some minor emergencies and a very hectic two weeks we feel the world press was well served by RCA Communications during the visits of these two gentlemen.

We hope this brings us at least a little up to date. Aloha no.

## -- Staff Honors Harry Austin (arrow)



## TANGIER

By Eva Morton

With Clerical Supervisor Mimon Israel as interpreter, CRO Janitor Ali Larossi as liaison and Transmitting Technician Juan Cebrian as photographer, your reporter spent an interesting afternoon visiting the local village of Gzennaia. We were escorted around the village by the Mokkadem (the mayor) with the impressive name of Hadj Ahmed ben Abdeslam Ouriagli.

We chose this village because so many of our employees here in Tangier make their homes here.

Gzennaia is situated on a hill with a remarkable view of the surrounding countryside. The cottages are widely scattered, and connected by very slippery, steep footpaths made of large stones set in the ground. The natives have little trouble making their way up and down paths, but it is no easy chore for a stranger.

In the past few years the village has grown enormously, thanks to the regular and well paid employment of the villagers. Many of the traditional thatched huts have been replaced by modern brick houses.

Our first encounter in the village was with the little girl shown in the accompanying photograph. Her two small companions were so startled at the sight of strangers in their midst that they both burst into howls of dismay and hid their faces, refusing to be coaxed into smiles or even to look



It isn't often that a stranger gets a chance to see the female side of life in a small village of Marocco. Even the children are camera shy.

at the camera.

Because of the prejudices of most of the villagers many of the women and children were hustled inside their cottages and all the shutters and doors were firmly closed. The country people of Morocco still preserve their traditional beliefs that their women and female children must be guarded from strange eyes. Even the old grannies were hastily shut away. However, despite the closed doors, we were greeted outside in the traditional manner by the men

of each family, and invited to drink what seemed to be a rather liquid yoghurt.

After our inspection of the village, the Mokkadem, who lives in a new house just behind the recently constructed school on Rabat Road, graciously invited us to take tea with him at his home.

It is difficult to describe the pleasure it was to come into this Moorish house. It was a relief to get away from the hot dust laden wind on the hillside, and to be able to recline in a cool room with only one small window set very high in

the wall. I have not been in many Moorish homes, but on each occasion I have always been struck by the feeling of tranquility, perhaps this is due to the fact that the reception rooms have no furniture in them apart from divans set around the wall and, of course, a carpet.

This report should give our readers some idea of what life is like in the village of Gzennaia, Morocco, where many of the men who live here are employed by R.C.A. That's all from Tangier until next time.

## **Relay Reporter Meets Local Mayor**



**Moroccan Hospitality.** Members of the RCA Tangier staff take tea with the Mokkadem (Mayor) of Gzennaia. (l. to r.): The Mokkadem, Eva Morton, Mimon Israel and Ali Larossi.



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