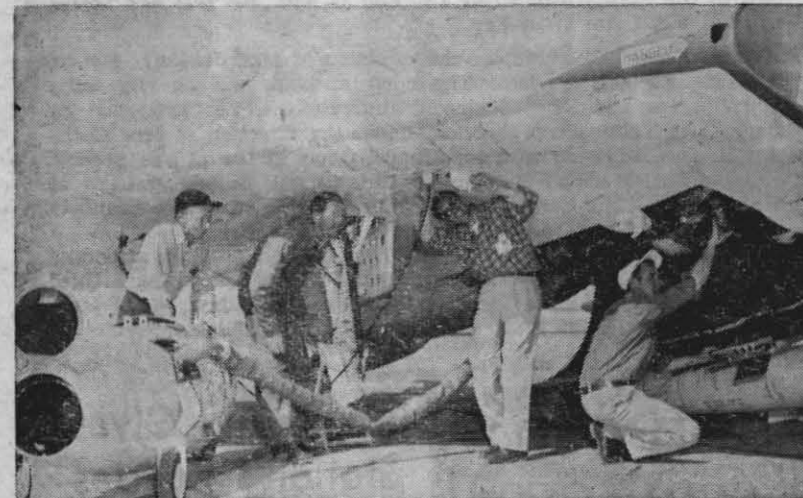


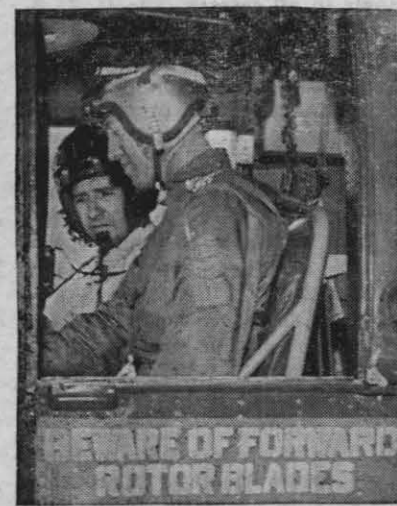
LIFE Magazine to Carry Aviation Feature



PLANNING PHOTOGRAPHIC SCENES of a Douglas F4D Skyray airplane in action that will be used in a special article for LIFE Magazine (l. to r.) are: (seated) LCdr. J. A. Nelson, Bureau of Aeronautics Representative for the Navy at El Segundo; LCdr. B. P. Moore, flight officer, Naval Air Facility; Loomis Dean, LIFE Magazine photographer; Don Flamm, Douglas Public Relations Dept.; and Lt. George C. Peebles Jr., NAF helicopter pilot. Standing are NAF Public Information Officer Lt. Floyd Ellis (left) and NOTS Public Information Officer Lt. (jg) Michael Bedwell.



DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY WORKERS from El Segundo, Calif., make last minute checkup of the company's F4D Skyray. The plane is shown here at the Naval Air Facility prior to making a test run to be photographed by a LIFE Magazine photographer for a special LIFE article. Making the checkup (l. to r.) are: Fred Hall, George Muller, Paul David and Arthur Proskovec, all of unit B4-595, Douglas El Segundo plant.



LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER Loomis Dean (left) and whirlbird pilot Lt. George Peebles of NAF make ready for takeoff to photograph a Douglas F4D airplane in action.

Community Center Snack Bar Changes Operational Hours

Beginning tomorrow the Navy Exchange Snack Bar at the Community Center will observe new weekend hours of operation. Weekday hours of operation are as follows:

Saturdays 1300-2000 1600-2300
Sundays 1300-2000 1600-2300

The above schedule was announced today by Exchange Officer Lt. L. H. Benfell Jr.

A Guide to a Better World

As Spring comes again, bringing the promise of nature's rebirth, so, too, has the resurgence in religion come to mean so much today. For it comes as a golden ray of hope and one that will lead and guide us to a better world.

Political Activities

Things You MAY Do Under The 'Hatch Act'

Hatch Act and Civil Service Commission rulings specifically reserve to all Federal employees the right to VOTE as they please. In addition to this, Government employees may express their opinions on ALL political subjects and candidates.

Federal workers CAN exercise their rights as individuals to sign a petition favoring a candidate for political office providing they do not take this action as a Government employee OR as a GROUP of Government employees.

An employee MAY serve as an election officer provided that in so doing he discharges the duties of the office in an impartial manner and does not engage in, or become involved in activities in behalf of a political party or candidate.

Employees MAY wear political

badges and buttons or display political posters or pictures in their home or on their automobile providing they do not make a partisan display of any kind while on duty conducting the public business.

Spouse's Activities

A Federal employee's wife (or husband) MAY engage in politics independently, upon her (or his) own initiative. This must be done in her (or his) behalf providing the spouse's activity is not for the purpose of accomplishing a political act prohibited to the employee. Federal employees MAY engage in non-partisan political activity in connection with candidacy for a local office which is to be filled in a wholly non-partisan election where none of the candidates are running as representing a political party.

Government employees MAY make voluntary contributions to a regularly constituted political organization, provided such contributions are not made in a Federal building or to some other Federal employee within the scope of the Statutes.

Employees MAY hold state, territorial, county, or municipal offices concurrent with their naval employment provided it does not interfere with their Government work. The holding of such office must not violate Hatch Act or Civil Service regulations or restrictions on political activity.

Navy Policy

As a matter of policy, the Navy DOES NOT approve of an employee holding a position in which the power of arrest or restraint is invested.

NOTS employees who are in doubt about a particular activity and wish further information on the subject, should contact their Personnel Service Group. Questions which cannot be answered locally will be referred to the Civil Service Commission for a definite ruling.

Must Know the Law

It is presumed that ALL employees know that Hatch Act and Civil Service Commission regulations are the controlling factors governing Navy Department employees with regard to political activity. Ignorance of these regulations will not excuse violations.

Civil Service Commission Regulation 1982 is posted on various bulletin boards over the Station. This regulation explains "Partisan Political Activity Restricted by Law." If a copy of this regulation is not available on the bulletin board in your area, call extension 71592 or notify Code 651 in writing.



NEWLY HIRED social worker for the Desert Family Service, an agency of the United Fund Organization, is Betty McDaniel.

Betty McDaniel Joins 'Family Service Staff'

Betty McDaniel has recently joined the staff of the Desert Area Family Service after having served under Sylvia Besser, executive director, on a volunteer basis for two years. This has been made possible due to the success of the United Fund Drive.

She earned her A.B. degree at the University of Iowa and her masters degree at the University of Chicago where she majored in Social Service Administration. She has been affiliated with the Institute for Juvenile Research in Chicago, the Veterans' Administration at the Birmingham Hospital in Van Nuys, California, and the All Nations Foundation in Los Angeles.

Betty and her family moved to China Lake five years ago. They reside at 313-B Forrestal.

Drive safely! Did you know that when a car is going 60 mph it can not be stopped completely under 264 feet! That's twice the distance between home plate and second, and 12 feet more.

THE WEATHER

Scattered to broken high clouds above 25,000 feet. Unrestricted visibility. Winds light and variable at night, southerly 10 to 15 knots in afternoons. Maximum temperature 84, minimum 42.

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U.S. NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST STATION, CHINA LAKE, CALIF.

TEMPERATURES

	Max.	Min.
March 22	77	49
March 23	85	39
March 24	86	39
March 25	84	49
March 26	76	52
March 27	71	38
March 28	75	34



\$6-Million for NOTS

Hagen Reports On Military Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Harlan Hagen today reported authority to spend \$34,161,000 in military construction in the 14th Congressional District during fiscal 1956-57 is sought in legislation pending for consideration by the House.

Proposed Expenditures

The expenditures are proposed in the military public works authorization bill, which has cleared the House Armed Services Committee and is scheduled to be taken up by the full House soon after Easter.

Included is an item of \$10,089,000, the anticipated initial cost of establishing a Navy master jet air base near Lemoore.

The other installations which would benefit are located in Eastern Kern County. The expenditures proposed are:

Three Units

Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station, Mojave, \$12,556,000.

Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, \$6,028,000.

Edwards Air Force Base, Edwards, \$5,488,000.

The funds for the latter bases would be used for expanding and supplementing existing facilities.

Permanent Installations

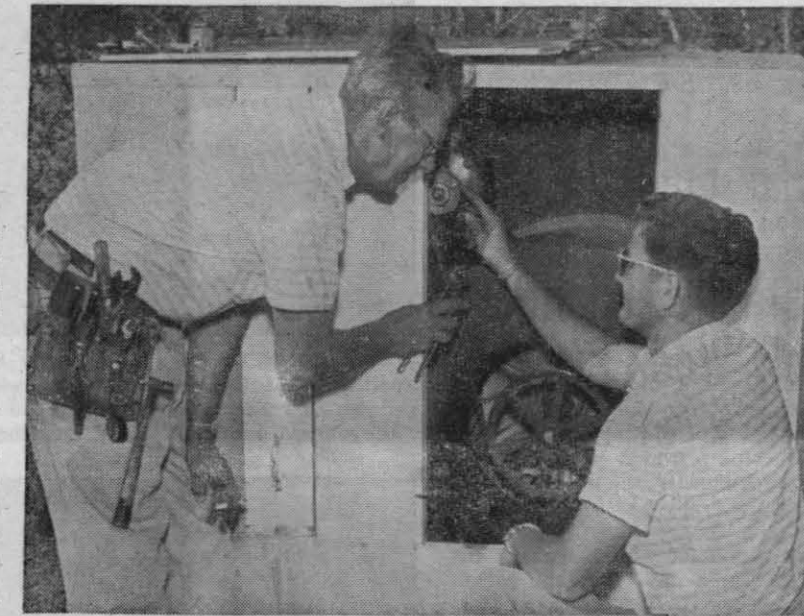
"Endorsement by the Defense Department," commented Hagen, "of these funds for our local military installations indicates their permanency and their role as integral links in our defense setup. The contemplated expenditures are also of material benefit to the economy of the area."

NOTS Will Offer 100 'Summer Jobs'

The Bureau of Ordnance has granted the Station a temporary ceiling increase of 100 billets for summer employment of college students and college faculty members for the period from May 1 to September 30 of this year.

Recruitment of college students will be in accordance with established Civil Service procedure and will be limited to applicants who have completed at least their sophomore year in college.

This is the last day for each department to advise Code 6521 of its specific needs according to the allocation indicated in NOTS Notice 12165.



AIR CONDITIONING CREWS are working at top speed to complete the overhauling of air conditioners throughout the FH area. Two of the crew members shown above on a job at the Snyder residence at 54-A Forrestal (l. to r.) are: George L. Beyer and Jim W. Williams of Public Works.

New Branch Head



Came Here from Kansas

CLARENCE J. RENNE, head of the operations branch, Plant Operations Division, Propellants and Explosives Department, comes to NOTS from the Sunflower Ordnance Works (SOW), Lawrence, Kansas. He joined SOW in 1951, as Line Foreman after attending the University of Kansas. Renne served in China, Burma and India with the Signal Corps during WWII. The Renne's reside at 1604-A Radford.

Mrs. Buchanan on Board

The Kern County Tuberculosis and Health Association recently elected Mrs. Paul Buchanan of China Lake to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the coming three years.

June Comfort Is A January Job

Public Works Department started getting ready for the 1956 air conditioning season in January in order to completely overhaul all units to peak efficiency with a target date of completion for May 1.

To date, 120 new units for the Prefabs have been ordered at a total cost of \$18,000 plus replacement parts costing in excess of \$20,000 for the housing area. The material is flowing in and extra men have been assigned to the project to get units into operating condition as fast as possible.

Unseasonable warm weather is already causing discomfort, especially in the trailer area which is presently receiving priority attention. Residents are requested NOT to turn on their units until they receive word from Public Works that the unit is ready to be used.

Engineers To Sponsor Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

The Engineering Department Recreation Association is sponsoring an Easter egg roll on the lawn of the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 2 p.m. on Easter Sunday for the children of the department employees and their guests.

Prizes will be awarded to winners of the various events.

Navy Now in Period Of Amazing, Timely Technical Progress

The Navy has been faced with more new engineering developments in the past five years than it encountered in its first one hundred and sixty, said Rear Admiral Joseph F. Jelley, in a speech this week at the Naval Station before the San Diego post of the Society of American Military Engineers.

RAdm. Jelley, who is Director of the Pacific division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, said that more young men must be indoctrinated in military engineering because "for an indefinite period into the future" all aspects of our national strength must be promoted.

He indicated that the Navy is now in a period of amazing technical progress and training of engineers was never more essential than now—to the Navy and the other services.

"It took a long time—almost eighty years from Robert Fulton's first steamboats to the elimination of sails from our warships. The change from wood to iron and steel did not take as long—neither did the shift from coal to oil. But both were spread over many years."

"We are busy with the application of atomic power to ship propulsion. We have crashed the sound barrier and are developing supersonic planes which can operate from aircraft carriers. We are wrestling with a whole series of guided missiles which have produced almost insoluble problems in metallurgy, chemistry and electronics."

He said that these developments were spectacular but were taking place under the compulsion of a "terrible urgency." This urgency fostered by the intentions of an "unfriendly power — one that is committed to destroy our Christian and democratic way of life. This power is also in the midst of a technological revolution—and from all indications their scientific achievements are as successful as ours. It is rumored that they are even superior to us in some fields."

In the face of this, he said, we cannot relax our efforts—we must keep up—"we must pull ahead or we perish."