

INTRODUCTION

On June 27 and 28, 722 registered guests attended the Triennial Inspection of the Ames Laboratory. To accommodate this large number of guests the Inspection was conducted in two sections with identical programs, one on the 27th and the other on the 28th. Those attending the Inspection represented the airlines, aircraft and associated manufacturers, colleges, the U. S. Congress, the military services, various Government departments, the NACA, and local municipalities.

Special busses (Greyhound silver sides 38 passenger) provided transportation to Ames from the San Francisco Airport, the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, the railway depot in Palo Alto, the Holiday Inn, and Rickey's Studio Inn on the El Camino Real in Palo Alto. Other guests flew by airplane to Moffett Field or came by private automobile. Guests were registered in the lobby of the Administration Building upon arrival (starting approximately 9:30 a.m.). An introductory session was opened in the auditorium at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. S. J. DeFrance. This session included brief welcoming addresses and an introduction to the material to be presented during the Inspection. At the conclusion of this session Dr. DeFrance briefed the guests on the mechanics of the tour and turned them over to their group leaders.

Luncheon was served in the Aviation Sheet Metal Shop. Sufficient time was allowed in the lunch period for the visitors to examine at their convenience several exhibits of research instruments, high-speed models and techniques which were displayed on the north side of the luncheon area. After lunch the group was photographed in front of the hangar and the tour was resumed.

Upon completion of the Inspection at 4:15 p.m. the guests attended a social period at the Moffett Field Officers' Club that lasted until 6:15 p.m. Bus transportation was provided at regular intervals to Palo Alto, San Francisco Airport, and St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. All busses stopped at the Ames Administration Building in order that guests might reclaim their baggage from the check room.

The foregoing is only a brief outline of the inspection day. The detailed program of the Inspection, the text of the talks together with photographs of the exhibits, and other material used in planning and executing the Inspection are presented in the body of this report.

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