

# Control Data Corporation Chronology

**1957** Company incorporated (July 8) with headquarters at 501 Park, Minneapolis; acquired Cedar Engineering.

**1958** Received first order for 1604 computer; "Little Character," 1/10-scale prototype of 1604, is operational; Sperry Rand sues CDC.

**1959** Delivered air traffic control display.

**1960** Delivered 1604 and 160 computers; acquired Control Corp.; established first CDC data center (Minneapolis).

**1961** Delivered 160A and 924; established new computing center in San Francisco; awarded \$5 million contract for fire control computer for Polaris Submarines; net sales = \$19,783,745.

**1962** Delivered Polaris computer, 606 tape transport, and 166 line printer; opened European office in Lucerne, Switzerland; moved to new headquarters building in Bloomington, MN; Sperry Rand lawsuit settled out of court.

**1963** Delivered 3600 computer, 603 tape drive, 405 card reader; acquired Beck's, Inc., Computer Division of Bendix Corporation, Control Systems Division of Daystrom, Digigraphic Systems of Itek.

**1964** Delivered 501 Line printer, 3200 computer; acquired Rabinow Engineering, Transactor business (General Time), Holley Computer Products, Bridge, Inc., Computer Laboratories, Inc., Adcomp Corp., TRG Inc;

**1965** Delivered 3100, 6600; acquired



*A trade show display of Control Data Canada, Ltd. Probably in Toronto, ca. 1979.*

Data Display, Datatrol, Computech, Glenn W. Preston Associates; ceases production of 160-A and 1604A; established Control Data Institutes; net sales (annual report) = \$16,473,162.

**1966** Delivered 1700, 3800, 6400; awarded \$22.7 million contract from U.S. Post Office for Postal Source Data System.

**1967** Delivered 6500 computer; acquired Autocon Industries, Automatic Control Company, C-E-I-R, Inc.; established first non-U.S. Control Data Institute in Frankfurt.

**1968** Delivered 449-2 Special Miniature Computer, 200 Remote User Terminal, SCOPE operating system; acquired

Commercial Credit Corporation; filed antitrust lawsuit against IBM; established Cybernet communication network.

**1969** Delivered 3500, 7600 computers; acquired Computing Devices of Canada, Precision Data Card, Marshall Communications, Printed Circuits, Inc., American Business Systems, Inc., partial interest in Ticketron; net sales/revenue (annual report) = \$570,766,145

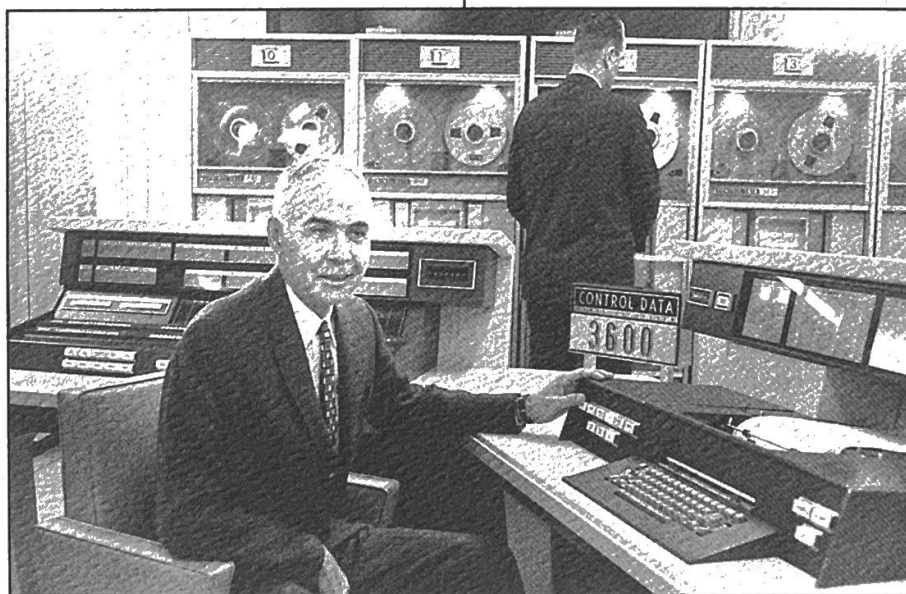
**1970** Delivered 3170, 6200, 6700 computers; unbundled hardware, software, and service prices; offered KRONOS 1.0 operating system; announced Star 100.

**1971** Delivered 921 Optical Character Reading machine, Cyber 70.

**1972** Delivered Cyber 72, 73, 74; acquired Syntonic Technology; established Computer Peripherals, Inc. with NCR; established Committee for Social Responsibility.

**1973** Acquired data services operation from ITT, System Resources, remaining interest in Ticketron; Service Bureau Corporation (as part of the IBM settlement); Peripheral Products offered low-cost disk drives; signed 10-year cooperation agreement with Soviet Union; Seymour Cray left to form Cray Research; net sales/revenue (annual report) = \$948,191,000.

**1974** Delivered Star 100 (to Lawrence Livermore), System 17 microcomputer; acquired Credit Francaise, First Holding, Ltd., Davidsohn Computer Services; retired old CDC logo; introduced 33302



*William C. Norris at the console of the 3600 computer, 1964 (P1229).*



*Seymour R. Cray holding a component of the 7600 computer, ca. 1968 (P447).*

multiple disk system.

**1975** Delivered Cyber 172, 175; acquired Medlab Computer Services, Compu-Net, Inc.; established Technotec data service and Magnetic Peripherals, Inc. (with Honeywell).

**1976** Delivered 38500 Mass Storage System; announced PLATO computer-based education system; established Control Dataset, Ltd. with ICL and Computer Terminals of Iran with Iranian Government.

**1977** Declared first dividend on common stock; published statement on Social Justice; implemented PLATO Systems at all domestic Control Data Institutes; net sales/revenue = \$2,301,046,000.

**1978** Delivered Cyber 175; sixty-nine Control Data Institutes and learning centers worldwide; formed City Venture Corporation; *Corporate Report* named William C. Norris "Upper Midwest Executive of the Year."

**1980** Delivered Cyber 203, 205; formed Control Data Properties.

**1981** Announced 110 microcomputer; net sales (annual report)=\$3,101,300,000

**1982** Acquired Computer Industries Corp.; announced 5-1/4" Wren drive, Cyber 180; established (with 14 other companies) the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation in Austin, Texas.

**1983** Acquired Medix Schools; announced 14" OEM Winchester Drive; established ETA Systems, Inc.; CAD center (a joint project between CDC and

NCR) opens in Santa Clara, California.

**1984** Acquired Communications Solutions, Inc.; introduced Cyber 180; announced phase out of plug compatible-peripheral equipment business.

**1985** Sold Syntonic, Electronic Realty Associates, Commtrak, Landmark Graphics; net sales (annual report) = \$3,679,700,000.

**1986** Sold Communications Solutions, Inc., Trinet, floppy disk drive business, Burke Marketing, Multi-Arc, majority portion of Commercial Credit, stock in Centronics; announced ETA10G; William C. Norris retired; Robert Price named CEO.

**1987** Sold remaining interest in Commercial Credit Corp.; acquired SAMI/Burke, remaining interest in VTC, Inc.

**1988** Acquired 20% interest in Silicon Graphics; announced Cyber 960; reorganized Data Storage Products group under Imprimis Technology, Inc.

**1989** Sold VTC, Imprimis, PLATO and Control Data Institutes in the United States; closed ETA Systems with a \$490 million write-off; Robert Price retired; Lawrence Perlman named CEO; net sales from annual report = \$2,934,000,000.

**1991** Acquired MiniData Services, Hazelden Employee Assistance Services, Barrios Technology; announced InfoServer 4680; donated portion of archives to CBI.

**1992** Divided Control Data Corporation into Ceridian Corporation and Control Data Systems, Inc. □

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