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## THROUGH THE SENTINEL PERISCOPE

Colonialism as applied to Alaska by Outside interest, both private and government, was again much in evidence this week as ships lay idle in Territorial ports waiting until somebody decided about the so-called "Alaska case." Just why there should be an "Alaska case" in this particular instance is one of those mysteries which often shrouds actions to be taken on the Outside in connection with the Territory, but the substance of the present situation is this:

Following the maritime agreements on waterfront wages in Seattle and Alaskan ports, jumping longshore pay from \$1.32 straight time to \$1.52, ships again began plying the route. Approval was to be given by the War Shipping Administration and the War Stabilization Board. This apparently was done in connection with Seattle but operators found they had no approval to pay the scale in Alaska. Result: Waterfront workers in Ketchikan and Juneau just stopped working. Two ships laid at the docks in Ketchikan and two more were due during the week.

Ship operators point out that as agents of War Shipping they were instructed not to pay the scale until approval had been given. Alaska dock operators were paying the increase but the ship operators would or could not. The Alaska public was suffering as usual. The mystery was just why WSA and WSB had approved the pay boost in Seattle but hadn't gotten around to what was termed the "Alaska case." Longshoremen and ship owners alike knew the new scale would be paid, but because somebody was holding up the show in Washington, Alaskans were suffering from what amounted to another maritime strike—ships just weren't being loaded or unloaded in Alaska ports. Colonialism sometimes appears a mild word for some of the treatment Alaskans are often afforded by Outside interest, including, on occasion, their own government.

OPA, Office of Price Administration, breathed its last last week. It appeared to be definitely out. There still was a possibility that it might get a 20-day extension under emergency powers while effort was made to draft a new bill, but all the odds were against it. The Congress had passed a measure extending the OPA, but it was a botched up job which was generally admitted unsatisfactory. At any rate, President Truman vetoed it on grounds it would be worse than no law at all and asked for other remedial legislation. The chances of his getting the latter were slim.

Whether the abolishing of OPA at this time would be good or bad remained to be seen. Those effected by it in the sale of merchandise doubtless would breathe a sigh of relief after four years of price control and making of reports. Persons who paid rent and bought commodities which previously were under price control might take another view if the lid flew off and the inflation spiral became higher. Reports from around the nation that only in isolated cases were prices soaring, particularly rents. On the whole the boost upward, if any, was small. President Truman expressed the view that general commodity prices would not go up much over 15 per cent. The stock market began soaring which might mean anything. At any rate, OPA, sometimes known as the Office of Perpetual Alarm, was a dead duck. What would happen under free flow of trade probably would not be too bad. The nation had gotten along without OPA up to war time. There seemed no reason to believe it would go to pot now as OPA dropped out of the picture.

Official primary returns from the Fourth judicial division and compiled this week by Territorial Auditor Frank A. Boyle, reveal that Labor Commissioner Walter P. Sharpe defeated Kenneth C. Johnson for the Democratic nomination by just 43 votes, one less than the unofficial count previously reported. Incumbent Sharpe polled 3,093 votes and Johnson 3,050. Thier vote by Divisions shows: First—Sharpe, 1,374; Johnson, 1,184; Second, Sharpe, 350; Johnson, 372; Third—Sharpe, 870; Johnson, 842; Fourth—Sharpe, 499; Johnson, 652.

**CIVIC CLUB TOMORROW**  
Wrangell Women's Civic Club and Library Association will meet tomorrow at 1:30 at Civic Center. Mrs. George Sumption and Mrs. Joyce Hay will be hostesses for the dessert luncheon which will be followed by a business meeting.

## MRS. MCKOWAN SUES FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE

JUNEAU—Wrangell's recent shooting incident, in which Harvey Clark McKowan, telephone company operator suffered serious wounds from a rifle shot fired by his wife, developed a new angle here Monday with the filing by the wife of a suit for separate maintenance.

McKowan is reported recovering from the head wound, which he suffered on May 27, 1946.

Olga Margaret McKowan, plaintiff in the action brought in the U. S. District Court here, alleges that her life and that of her child has been endangered by the defendant and that his brutal treatment of her and threats he has uttered against her make it impossible for their married life ever to be resumed.

Mrs. McKowan asks judgment:

1.—That the defendant be restrained from molesting her.

2.—That the defendant be enjoined from disposing of any of the assets of the Wrangell Telephone Company.

3.—That the telephone company be decreed to be the plaintiff's possession for her separate maintenance and to pay medical and hospital costs involved in the expected birth of a second child.

4.—That an automobile necessary to the operation of the telephone company be decreed to the plaintiff's possession.

5.—That the plaintiff be decreed the right to sell and retain for herself the proceeds of sale of the Matheson Building in Wrangell, in which the plaintiff has invested \$1,000 and which is jointly owned by the McKowans.

Mr. and Mrs. McKowan were married in Wrangell, September 17, 1945.

## SOUTHEASTERN PORTS NEED BOAT MOORINGS

SEATTLE — Southeastern Alaska harbors have been so taxed through the increase in fishing, lumbering and development of processing industries that more small boat facilities are needed. Col. Conrad P. Hardy, District Engineer, said this week.

"During the war, river and harbor improvements in Alaska were kept to a minimum, except where direct war operations necessitated docks and similar improvements," he explained.

Returning from a series of eight public river and harbor hearings, Colonel Hardy praised highly the community interest shown in the development of trade facilities. The hearings opened 10 days ago at Ketchikan and extended to Douglas, Juneau, Kake, Haines and Skagway.

The engineer said a second series of hearings were planned to obtain local views toward river and harbor improvements at other Alaska locations, on a schedule tentatively set to start August 2 at Valdez and Cordova.

## SALLY CAN DANCE WITHOUT CLOTHES NOW — IT'S ART

SAN FRANCISCO — Sally Rand danced this week unfettered by police morals in the wee hours of the mornings and molted with legal approval.

Municipal Judge Daniel Shoemaker had placed his judicial okay upon it. Anyone who found her night club dance lewd and lascivious, he held, must have had a perverted sense of moral values.

Judge Shoemaker saw for himself in a special performance and found the fan and bubble dancer innocent of indecent exposure. He dismissed charges growing out of her arrest twice within 24 hours last week.

Part of the controversy revolved around what was left when the feathers and a filmy gown no longer protected Sally from the public gaze. An arresting policeman said there was nothing left but Sally. She said there was a little flesh-colored patch but she couldn't surrender it for evidence because it "just floated away."

"Victory For Art"  
Awaiting the court action after her second arrest, Miss Rand had done her finale in long-handled drawers or behind a sign "Censored by the police."

"In the finale," she said after the court victory, "there should be just me. This is a victory for art. My Dance is aesthetic."

## FISH GOES UP ON SEATTLE MARKET

SEATTLE — Fish has gone up on the Seattle market with the death of the OPA. Dealers are competing in bidding for catches and salmon was being sold at an average of around 28 cents a pound to the dealers, compared with the ceiling of from 14 to 22 cents.

Halibut was bringing 18 to 20 cents, an increase of 2 cents but the Fishermen's Cooperative and the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association said this did not presage any immediate general increase in consumers' fish prices.

## DRAFT ACT SIGNED; INDUCTION OF 18 YR. OLDS IS PROHIBITED

WASHINGTON — President Truman has signed in to law legislation extending the draft act until next March 31 and prohibiting the induction of 18-year-olds.

Product of a long controversy between the Senate and the House, the legislation permits the drafting of 19-year-olds and non-fathers up to the age of 45, although in practice men over 25 have not been inducted for some time.

In fact, the Army already has announced it will levy no draft quotas for July and August.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS RECEIVES INDEPENDENCE

MANILA — War-torn but free, the Philippine Islands became a free republic yesterday, July 4.

A dependent of the United States since the Spanish-American War, the islands gained their independence through the Tydings-McDuffie Act after a 10-year interim period as a commonwealth. Yesterday was a day of ceremonies and wild rejoicing throughout the islands.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, who led the liberation of the islands from the Japanese, was an honor guest as representatives of more than 50 countries gathered for the ceremonies.

MacArthur and other dignitaries, including U. S. Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland and U. S. High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, were scheduled as the principal speakers. Manuel Roxas was sworn in as the first President of the republic.

## BLAKES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blake and son, Gordon, arrived in town last Saturday to spend the Fourth of July holiday here. They came up on their own boat, the Emma, from Ketchikan.

## VISITING

Leta Mae Johnson and Ray Johnson arrived in town last Saturday on the Princess Louise to visit with their aunt and family, the E. C. Intolubbe of Wrangell Institute. The Johnsons are from Edmond, Oklahoma and plan to be here until the middle of August.

## ANAN CREEK FISHING TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, July 10, at 6 a. m. the Anan and Zimovia Strait areas will open for the 1946 season to commercial fishing.

Howard Baltzo, local Fish and Wildlife Agent, said that a survey made of the area earlier this week revealed only a handful of fish in the creek. He also said that a trip he made to inspect the sockeye situation in streams on Prince of Wales Island indicated that the run has not yet started as there were few fish in the streams.

## COASTAL ACT EXTENDED

The Coastal Act, allowing passengers to travel on Canadian boats between Skagway and other South-eastern Alaska ports, has been extended for three months, according to information received by Deputy Collector of Customs Ray Day here.

The Act expired June 30 but now will be in effect until September 30.

## PRICES FOR FISH AT KETCHIKAN SOAR UP

KETCHIKAN — Prices on halibut and most salmon have advanced more than one third since the removal of price ceilings.

Bidding on the fish exchange, for the first time since the establishment of OPA ceilings, brought 19 1/2 and 18 1/2 cents a pound for the 32,000 pound catch of the halibut vessel Wireless. Another catch brought 19 and 18 1/2.

Under OPA ceilings, the maximum was 14 1/2 and 12 1/2.

Red king salmon sold for 28, compared with 20 1/2 for large and 16 1/2 for small under OPA; whites brought 20, compared with a 12 1/2 with 15.

Kings are known as chinooks and cohoes as springs on the Seattle market.

## TO PETERSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Ellert Holbeck and small son Douglas, flew to Petersburg this morning where they now make their home, after spending the Fourth of July here as house guests of Mrs. Holbeck's parents, the B. Y. Grants.

Jane Williams, daughter of Secretary of Alaska and Mrs. Lew Williams, arrived home last Saturday to spend the summer vacation in Wrangell. She will return to the University of Washington in the fall where she is studying journalism.

## SENATE GETS TWO BILLS FOR EXTENSION OF OPA

WASHINGTON — Two measures to revive price controls reached the Senate banking committee for consideration this week after Senator O'Daniel (D-Texas) abandoned the blocking tactics that had stalled them for three days.

O'Daniel gave up after making a joelcular motion to refer the bills to the committee on pensions.

He said that seemed the logical place for them, as 65,000 former employees of OPA now have nothing to do.

Majority Leader Barkley suggested O'Daniel's motion was out of order and Senator Maybank (D-S.C.) acting President pro tempore, upheld Barkley.

The two bills—one already passed by the House, the other introduced in the Senate by Banking Committee Chairman Wagner (D-N.Y.)—are identical.

Each would grant OPA a temporary extension of life, until July 20, to give Congress time to work out permanent legislation if possible.

There appeared several signs that the coalition which molded the presidentially-vetoed OPA extender might be falling apart.

Senator Murdock (D-Utah) said that as a member of the banking committee he has received concrete indications that some Democrats who joined in whittling down OPA have had a change of heart.

"I think the President has solidified his party behind his position on the price control question as it never was solidified before," Murdock told a reporter.

Republicans declared, however, they will not agree to restore price controls without sharp restrictions in OPA authority.

## AT THE HOSPITAL

Patients admitted this week to Bishop Rowe General Hospital were:

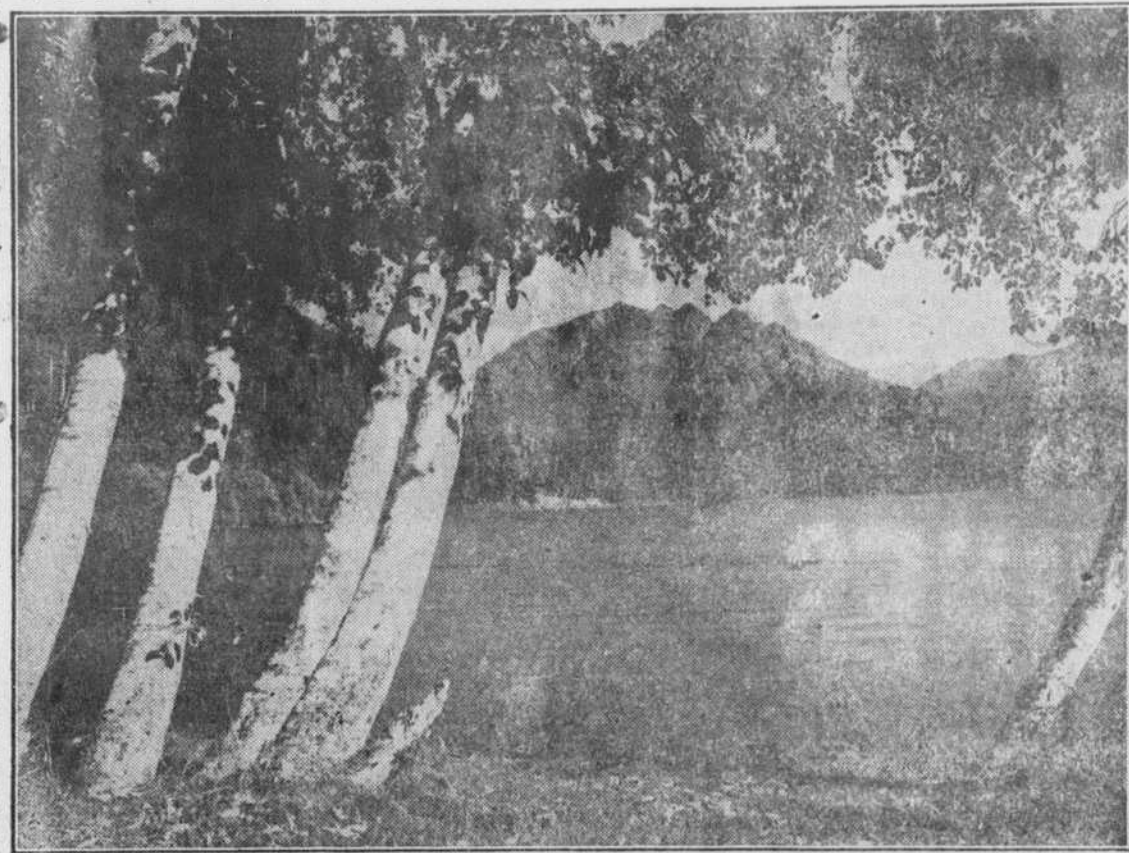
Mrs. Cal Zaver, a surgical patient.

George King, of Mill Creek, who suffered a fractured ankle and Pat Jack, of Telegraph Creek who suffered a broken arm in a fall from a horse.

## MRS. BINKLEY HERE

Mrs. Marjorie Binkley of Anchorage arrived in Wrangell this week and is visiting her daughter's family, the Morris Larsons. She also has a son, Kenneth, in Wrangell.

## OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK FEATURED



With tourists and vacationists free once again to take to the open road and travel as far as they wish, Washington's Olympic National Park is expected to attract a record number of visitors this year. This picture of the famous park is one of a series of twenty-five full-color photographs of scenic views of the West that Standard of California will distribute to remind travelers of the beauty spots they should visit. The oil company will give away 20,000,000 copies of the photographs through its retail outlets.

## STANDARD TO DISTRIBUTE TRAVEL BOOK OF WEST

SAN FRANCISCO — The first big postwar trade promotion program covering the entire West will get under way next Monday, July 8, when Standard of California and its subsidiaries begin free distribution of 20,000,000 full-color "Scenic Views of the West."

In all, twenty-five views of top tourist attractions in 13 western states will be given away at the oil company's retail outlets, a different view each week.

Interrupted because of the war, the company's previous scenic view programs in 1940 and 1941 were outstandingly successful in promoting travel.

The nine by twelve-inch prints, mounted on 12 by 15-inch mats, include the San Francisco-Oakland

Bay bridge, Yosemite National Park, the old mining town of Columbia, Mount Sahsta, Kinks Canyon National Park, Mission San Juan Capistrano, California; Lake Tahoe, Nevada-California; Mount Hood and the Oregon coast; Olympic National Park, Mount St. Helen's and Snoqualmie Falls, Washington; Boulder Peak, Idaho; Great Salt Lake, Utah; Walpi Indian Village and the Navajo Country, Arizona; Hawaiian waters, an Alaska fishing fleet; Acoma Water Hole, New Mexico; The Alamo, San Antonio, Texas; Snowmass Lake, Colorado; Chimney Rock, Nebraska; Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming; Glacier National Park, Montana and Mount Revelstoke National Park, British Columbia.

The photographs were chosen from thousands submitted. Among the noted cameramen whose pictures are listed in the series are Ansel Adams, John Kabel, Fred Bond, Ray Atkeson and Mike Roberts.

For convenience, special albums and photo-matiers will be made available to collectors at a small cost.

Every picture will be distributed in each locality, with the distribution rotated weekly in 100 zones. If pictures are missed at one point, or if duplicates are wanted, they can be picked up in an adjoining zone.

widely known authors as Ernie Pyle, Gertrude Atherton, Jim Tully, Donald Culross Peattie, Irvin S. Cobb, Ernest Haycox, Joseph Henry Jackson, George R. Stewart, J. Frank Dobie, Stewart Holbrook, Frank J. Taylor and Robert Ormond Case.

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## WRANGELL'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IS HUGE SUCCESS

Wrangell's Fourth of July celebration yesterday was one of the best and most successful for many years past. Over \$600 was collected by the Fire Department to put on a real day of fun for youngsters and grown-ups. A large crowd turned out to watch the races and contests and the dances held the nights of the Third and Fourth were unusually well attended. Much credit should go to the Firemen and the other organizations which worked so hard to make the day one of real celebration.

Following is the list of winners in the day's events:

Children's Parade: First prize, Leanne Miller, Micky Miller; Second prize, Marie Collins; Third, Sidney Nelson, Malvern Nelson; Fourth, Aurora Marie Grant, Noel Kathleen Grant, Douglas Holbeck.

Best decorated bicycle: First, Freddy Cunningham; Second, Mercedes Prescott.

Boy's foot race, 9 years and under: First, Alvin Kaer; Second, Lewis Wigg, Third, Harry Churchill.

Girl's foot race, 9 years and under: First, Jacquelyn Devatney, second, Joan Garcia, Third, Joanne Newkirk.

Boy's foot race, 16 years and under: First, Felix Villarma; second, Don Clymer; third, Sonny Wigg.

Girl's foot race, 16 years and under: First, Bella Louth; second, Stella Louth; third, Elaine Simmons.

Boy's sack race, 9 years and under: First, Harry Churchill; second, Lewis Wigg; third, Richard Garcia.

Girl's sack race, 9 years and under: First, Joan Garcia; second Jacquelyn Devatney; third, Mercedes Prescott.

Boy's sack race, 16 years and under: First, Felix Villarma; second, Sonny Wigg; third, Richard Garcia.

Girl's sack race, 16 years and under: First, Stella Louth; second, Bella Louth; third, Rose Kalkins.

Boy's potato race, 9 years and under: First, Randy Kalkins; second, Jacob Jewart; third, Richard Garcia.

Girl's potato race, 9 years and under: Joanne Engstrom; second, Jacquelyn Devatney; third, Sylvia Casey.

Boy's potato race, 16 years and under: First, Edward Kalkins; second, Don Clymer; third, Felix Villarma.

Girl's potato race, 16 years and under: First, Stella Louth; second, Dolly Villarma; third, Sylvia Casey.

Boy's three-legged race, 9 years and under: First, Freddy Cunningham and Dale Intolubbe; second, Warren Simmons and Billy Wonders; third, Richard Garcia and Michael Hay.

Girl's three-legged race, 9 years and under: First, Marie Cunningham and Susanne French; second, Sylvia Casey and Jacquelyn Devatney; third, Doris Kuntz and Georgina Ronning.

Boy's three-legged race, 16 years and under: First, Felix Villarma and Marion Neyman; second, Edward Kalkins and Sonny Wigg; third, Alvin Kaer and Billy Wonders.

Girl's three-legged race, 16 years and under: First, Bella Louth and Stella Louth; second, Dolly Villarma and Dose Kalkins; third, Earling Intolubbe and Caroline Lewis.

Boy's bicycle race, 9 years and under: Thorn Ferguson and Billy Wonders, tied.

Girl's bicycle race, 9 years and under: First, Dolly Villarma; second, Shirley Ronning; third, Barbara Sharnbroich.

Boy's bicycle race, 16 years and under: First, Lee Byrd; second, Felix Villarma; third, Billy Wonders.

Pie eating contest: First, Lee Byrd; second, Roy Churchill; third, Alvin Kaer.

Slim horse contest: Thorn Ferguson, David Churchill, Billy Wonders, Corkey Casey.

Shot putt: First, Gil Franklin; second, Bruce Moreland.

Running broad jump: First, Don Goralski; second, Gil Franklin.

Log rolling contest: Dick Stokes, Sonny Lewis, Bob Goralski, Don Goralski, (prizes split four ways.)

Greased pole: Bob Goralski, Dick Stokes, Fred Wigg, (prizes split three ways.)

Row boat races: Dan Webster and Louie Wigg, tied.

Outboard motor boat races: 10 h. p.: First, Bert Nore; second Bill Binkley.

Outboard motor boat race, free for all: First, Bert Nore; second Cliff Kilkenny.

Work boat race: First, the Chief, owned by Al Binkley; second, the Alasco IV, owned by E. M. Campbell.

Jack Gucker and son Jack, Jr., flew to Juneau this week after several days spent in Wrangell. Mr. Gucker is representative for Schenley International Corp. in Southeastern Alaska and was calling on trade here.