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Chamber Looks At Legislative Bills

The Chamber of Commerce voted in opposition to SB49, sometimes termed as a strikebreakers' bill, when some of its provisions were read to the group at its meeting Thursday noon at the Town Club by Legislative Chairman, Bill Poland.

Poland also read an editorial in the Anchorage Times denouncing the bill. The bill would in effect prevent an employer of skilled labor from bringing in such labor from "outside" in the event of a deadlock during strike negotiations.

Another bill, which would set up a contractor board to set regulations for the industry. Opposition to this was expressed, but no action taken pending further study of the bill.

The Kodiak Ouzinkie road is as far away from construction as it was two or three years ago, according to City Manager Poland. He stated in answer to a query that the Bureau of Public Roads cannot justify the expenditure of \$180,000 to build a road below the watershed. Objection to build through the watershed was voiced by the Department of Health. The City Council also went on record as objecting to it.

Republican gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Milo Fritz, who was present at the meeting, spoke briefly on introduction by the president, Chuck Powell. He announced his candidacy for the governorship, and further stated that he did not favor a measure such as that which would be set up by the so-called contractors' bill. "No group of individuals should be given the power to decide on the qualifications of anyone in their own field," he said. He cited the Dental Board, which prevents anyone from out of state to practice in the State. Such exclusion acts are against the public interest, he stated.

The Chamber later voted to send a letter to the Optometrist Board in an effort to seek permission for Don Fenner to set up his practice here. He has been waiting for the necessary go-ahead before opening his office.

Present also at the meeting were Lt. Millicent Tsepe, Sam Hartman, John Spahn and John Trent.

Pre-Registration May Be Required

A bill which would eliminate straight party voting in general elections and which also calls for pre-registration of voters in all election districts in which more than 3,000 votes, including absentees, were cast in the preceding election, has been reported out of the House state affairs committee.

The bill provides for a major revision of the state election code. Precincts within election districts in which less than 300 votes were cast would be exempt for regulation.

Open Forum Set For Next Tuesday

Dr. Milo Fritz, Republican candidate for governor of Alaska, will speak at an open meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Elks Hall.

The meeting is open to the public. Following a speech by the candidate, an open forum will be conducted by Chuck Powell, allowing questions from the audience.

Wage & Hour Bill Copies Available

Copies of a summary of the new Alaska Wage and Hour Act just revised by the current Legislature have been mailed to some 4,500 employers in the state, according to Labor Commissioner Gil Johnson in Juneau.

The summary, to be posted by employers sets out the increase of the minimum wage from \$1.50 to \$1.65 per hour and the requirement of payment of overtime for hours worked in excess of eight hours a day or 40 hours a week.

The summary lists the numerous exemptions to the law and the exemptions to the requirement for overtime pay.

Copies of the wage and hour act together with the new changes enacted by the legislature are available for distribution. Persons desiring a copy of these laws or a copy of the summary may do so by writing to the Department of Labor at P.O. Box 2141, Juneau, Alaska.

Carrier Based Planes Here Monday

A flight of AD Skyraiders will arrive on the Naval Station Monday morning after being launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, from somewhere in the Gulf of Alaska. They will be greeted by a special "welcome ashore" ceremony to be held at the Station.

Th special training exercises being conducted from aboard the huge carrier will include three flights of conventional and jet type aircraft, one group coming here and the other two going to Elmendorf AFB and King Salmon AFB respectively. The Ranger is returning to the West Coast after its deployment to the Far East as a part of the air arm of the Seventh Fleet.

This will be the first of a series of exercises held in the Alaska area of operations in which carrier-based aircraft will use air base facilities of the Alaskan Command. The purpose of these exercises is to familiarize carrier personnel with command activities, installations, and cold weather operations.

The USS Ranger is one of the super-carriers of the Navy and was

QUEEN CONTESTANT'S SPONSORS TO CALL C. OF C.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a Crab Festival Queen contestant or co-sponsoring a contestant, are asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 486-2405.

Queen contestants are asked to call the office also.

Capt. C. Richmond Accorded Honors

Capt. Chester A. Richmond, Jr., Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Air Detachment on the Naval Station, was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies held in Juneau last Monday.

Rear Adm. Christopher C. Knapp Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, pinned the award on Capt. Richmond, acting in behalf of the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury. He was afterwards congratulated by Gov. William Egan. Capt. Richmond earned the Award for meritorious achievement as aircraft commander of a Coast Guard helicopter on the 13th of April, last year, while engaged in the delivery of a doctor and emergency medical supplies to St. George Island, Alaska, and the subsequent air evacuation of two critically burned persons.

Capt. Richmond's wife, Barbara, attended the ceremony. Also attending were twenty-six commanding officers of the Coast Guard units throughout the State of Alaska who arrived in Juneau recently for a special two-day conference, and officers and enlisted men of the Coast Guard Cutter Sweetbier, the CG-95301 patrol craft and the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Office.

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the flagship of Rear Admiral Caldwell when he was Commander, Carrier Division One from Dec. 1958 to July 1959.

Exercise aircraft will include propeller-driven AD Skyraiders coming here, jet A4D Skyhawks which will go to King Salmon, and F8U Crusaders, which will touch down at Elmendorf.

Kodiak Economy "Bright Spot"

Kodiak remains the brightest spot in Alaska, employment-wise, according to the figures released by the Alaska Department of Labor.

A breakdown of the money paid out in Alaska's ten major cities for unemployment insurance benefits during the month of January shows that Kodiak received only \$3,459 out of a total of \$913,855 paid out in the entire state.

Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan led the list receiving \$362,256, \$214,938, and \$78,475 respectively.

Juneau claimants received \$71,217; Soldotna, \$48,808; Nome \$39,300; Petersburg, \$36,169; Palmer, \$35,185; Sitka, \$24,048.

The balance of \$239,959 was paid out to claimants in outlying areas of the state.

In January 1961, the total paid out in the entire state amounted to \$940,763, the breakdown showed.

Mabel Fenner Now District Magistrate

Juneau (P)—The magistrate court at Kodiak is being changed from Deputy Magistrate to District Magistrate Court by order of the Supreme Court, Rep. Pete Deveau and Sen. Al Owen said Thursday. Owen and Deveau said they were advised of the action by State Courts Administrator Thomas B. Stewart.

The change will enable the Kodiak Court to act in juvenile cases, in civil cases involving amounts up to \$3,000 and in certain other cases. Stewart said the expense

of transportation and inconvenience involved in taking such cases to the District Magistrate Court at Anchorage was instrumental in the decision.

Mabel Fenner is the District Court Magistrate here.

KEA Annual Meet Monday At Elks

The annual meeting of the Kodiak Electric Association will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Elks Hall.

Election of nine directors to the KEA board will be the main order of business following a report on last year's business.

Lunch and refreshments, entertainment and movies will be offered as well as prizes for attendance.

A total of 22 candidates will be listed on the ballot. Members unable to attend but who wish to vote may give their proxy by means of the form included in the KEA annual meeting notice on page ten of this issue of the Mirror.

4 Girls Sign Up For Queen Contest

Four girls have already entered the King Crab Festival Queen Contest, and Ray Martin, contest chairman, reports a lot of enthusiasm for the unique prizes of ten free round-trip tickets on Pacific Northern Airlines for the Century 21 World's Fair at Seattle.

The first candidates to sign up, and their sponsors, are: Gail Cobb—American Legion, VFW and FRA; Peggy Heglin—Orpheum Theatre and Donnelley & Acheson; Carolyn Rockstad—Polar Bear Cafe; and Gail McKinley—Knudsen's and Knudsen's Outfitters.

A \$500 cash prize and a round-trip to Seattle for the Seafair will be given the girl crowned Queen, and \$100 cash will be awarded each contestant. More candidates are wanted and those interested should sign up with Chairman Ray Martin at once.

Each candidate will sell tickets to be counted as points toward the honor of being King Crab Festival Queen. Holders of two of the winning tickets will each receive two round-trip tickets to the Fair, and six other winners will receive one ticket each. The tickets will be good any time during the Fair, and if winners are unable to use them they may be redeemed for cash.

Live Crab Ban

Juneau (P)—A bill which would ban shipment of live crab from Alaska was in the hands of Gov. Egan Thursday.

Legislative action on the measure, HB295, was completed Wednesday when the House concurred in a Senate amendment which would make effective date 15 days after passage or approval.

Dr. Milo Fritz Critical Of Egan Policies

Republican Gubernatorial candidate Dr. Milo Fritz, in a speech before a group of Republicans gathered in his honor at the Montmartre Inn Monday evening, attacked the present administration for very little accomplished for its three years in office; its deficit in the road fund; and the lack of teamwork shown.

The meeting was emceed by Chuck Powell. Dr. A. Holmes Johnson introduced the speaker. Dr. Fritz was critical of the present governor's policy in handling the payment of the Reed fund, which he said should come out of funds of the state such as oil leases, rather than employers.

The candidate was strongly in favor of the building of secondary roads throughout the state, which he said would contribute more to its development than anything else. "Secondary roads would open the way for new industry," he stated. "New jobs would be created thereby."

"One of our great problems," Dr. Fritz stated, "is the non-recognition by the present government of the importance of gold." He said the mining of gold would benefit all the people. "I feel it more profitable to offer some form of subsidy for those who mine gold—the country needs it." Subsidies should be paid for producing rather than not producing, he said.

Alaska is in need of a change of administration, the speaker said. He pointed to the evidence of lack of teamwork, and the "rumblings of discontent" in the several divisions in the government. He cited the firing of four heads of departments in recent weeks.

Dr. Fritz stated he feels a profound gratitude to the people of Alaska for what they have done for him. "I'm one of the people known as George, when you say 'Let George do it.' I'd like to do something about it."

In a question and answer period that followed, the candidate was asked whether he favored a state sales tax, to which he answered he did, but that it should be spelled out. The electors, he said, should decide when it should be repealed and what it is for. He was asked the question as to where the capi-

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