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**EXPEDITION TO STUDY FUR SEAL HERD AT SEA**

Exploring the foundations of a fur business that nets the United States Government more than \$200,000 a year, naturalists of the Fish and Wildlife Service are organizing an expedition to study the migration routes and food habits of the Alaska fur seal herd that has its breeding grounds on the Pribilof Islands in Bering Sea.

Information received in Fairbanks by Wildlife Agent Clarence J. Rhode states that special studies have recently been made of conditions on the Islands. According to a Service report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, a vessel is now being equipped for use of scientists in following the herd to sea on its fall migration.

**Protection Data**

Recommended by the Department of States and authorized by a special Congressional appropriation, the investigations have been planned to obtain additional data needed in negotiations for international protection of the fur seals while they are at sea.

Under the fur seal convention of 1911, it was pointed out, the killing, capturing, or pursuit of the animals at sea has been prohibited by the United States, Canada, Japan, and the Soviet Union. In October 1940 Japan in accordance with a provision of the convention, gave notice of its abrogation but stated that it was prepared to conclude a new agreement.

**Herd Increased**

With the protection afforded by the 1911 convention, the herd has increased from about 132,000 in 1910 to more than 2,000,000 and Canada & Japan have shared in profits from pelts taken under Government management on the pribilof Islands. More than 65,000 pelts were taken in 1940.

**LADD FIELD B-17 READY FOR WINTER**

Ladd Field's biggest "guinea pig" — a four-motored Flying Fortress bomber—is ready for another winter of experimental flying in Alaska.

The big ship returned to the Air Corps' Cold Weather Experiment Station last week on a non-stop flight from McChord Field which wound up a tour of military air centers in the States.

Aboard the plane were Lieutenant-Colonel Harold H. Carr, Lieu tenants Jack S. Marks, Ancil D. Baker, and Richard F. Dennison; Sergeants Wilson E. Ogan and Tony LaTorra; and Corporal Foster P. Hayes.

**New Appointment**

A new task awaited Lieutenant Dennison on his arrival — that of assistant professor of military sciences and tactics at the University of Alaska. Dennison had been in Montana attending the funeral of his grandfather.

Like Lieutenant J. C. Miller of Fort Richardson, who assisted in the university's military training program during the past academic year, Lieutenant Dennison is a graduate of the University of Montana. He has been stationed at Ladd Field with Company L, Fourth Infantry, the past year.

Lieutenant Albert Pearl, former assistant professor, has been assigned to new duties at Ladd Field.

Major Hobert A. Murphy commander of Company L, is professor of military science and tactics.

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**Spitzbergen Welcomes Allies With Gifts**

LONDON, Sept. — Additional details of the activities in the landing of British, Canadian and Norwegian troops in the Spitzbergen archipelago in the Arctic were revealed by the British War Ministry.

The entire population of the several islands claimed by Norway, now dominated by Germany, was evacuated to the British Isles, according to latest disclosures, and the resources of the island were left so as to be of no use to the Axis powers as a source of war materials.

The joint landing party destroyed the coal mine workings and set fire to one dump of coal containing some 150,000 tons. Wireless stations were also wrecked.

**Has Returned to Britain**

The Allied expedition which landed at the Spitzbergen islands has returned to Britain.

Canadian officers who returned to Britain after taking part in the expedition to the Spitzbergen islands reported that their men were disappointed that the Germans had not given them a fight for the islands. The expedition reported the capture of the island was a pleasant job for every body.

"As it was, instead of a hostile reception, we were met by a sort of reception committee," said one Canadian soldier.

**Showered With Gifts**

"After I landed with one platoon of my company, I could not see my men for half an hour because they were surrounded by men, women and children who showered them with gifts of cig arettes and sweets.

We could not understand much of their language until an interpreter was found. All of our officers and men came away with gifts from the inhabitants. I was given a barometer. Most of the time we could not smoke our own cigarettes because the inhabitants insisted on giving us theirs, which were mostly of an American make.

Staff Sergeant Garbutt of Calgary, Canada, said:

"We lived like kings. I wish we could have stayed there a couple of months. The hunting and fishing were fine and for breakfast we had pork chops and steak."

**Britain Will Prevent Sale of Lease-Lend Goods**

LONDON, Sept. 12 — Great Britain is gravely concerned over charges that materials obtained from the United States under the lease-lend act are being used in direct competition with American industry's export markets.

The British government promises to prevent such misuse of lease-lend goods and also to restrict British exports.

The British government is concerned among other things over what its leaders called the "propaganda value to Germany" of the charges that American industry, after making sacrifices to send raw materials to Britain under the lease-lend act, are being hit in foreign markets by the competition of goods made from these materials.

A White Paper issued recently is said by reliable sources to be one of a series of steps planned "to prevent Germany from using lease-lend grumbling as the thin edge of a wedge to pry Britain and the United States apart or to hamper the Allied war effort."

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has sent a memorandum to United States Ambassador James Winant in which the British government pledged that goods obtained under the lend-lease act will not be used in British export trade in competition with United States exporters.

The note delivered to the United States embassy by the British foreign office declared that all materials which Britain obtains under lend-lease act are required for the prosecution of the war. Continuing, the British note said:

"The British government has taken and will continue to take action to insure that these goods are not in any case diverted to the furtherance of private interests.

"Lend-lease materials sent to Britain have not been used for export and every effort will be made to insure that they are not used for export."

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