

## Tilt Over "Incidental Catch" Proviso in Fish Law Halted, But Another Battle Probable

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Action by the State Fish Commission last week, limiting the commercial fishing season on striped bass in the Umpqua River to the period from May 10 to September 15, is expected to end temporarily the controversy concerning "incidental catch," which has plagued all affected interests during the past year. Opportunity for a court decision to define incidental catch disappeared with the return of a "not true" bill by the Douglas county grand jury to which Finley Beard, Umpqua fisherman, was remanded by the Reedsport justice court following his arrest on a charge of unlawfully fishing for salmon.

The Fish Commission, which adopted a regulation that, following the shad season, May 10 to June 30, inclusive, striped bass fishing, from July 1 to Sept. 15, inclusive, be confined to daylight hours, held that salmon are not taken in daylight hours except during periods of extremely muddy water, which would not normally occur during the dates

set; that striped bass are not available to commercial nets by October, seeming to disappear from the river in late September; that few fall chinook and silverside salmon appear before September 15, and that, "with only daylight fishing permitted, any incidental catch of salmon from this early part of the run will be inconsequential up to September 15."

Correction of the Umpqua River situation has been long delayed, but the new rulings are expected to prevent any appreciable future catch of game fish in commercial nets.

### Fresh Battle Foreseen

Prior to the session of the state legislature next January, it is expected a new battle will be opened pertaining to the Umpqua River as well as the general commercial fishing program.

It is anticipated that Umpqua sports fishing interests will sponsor legislation to repeal the disputed section containing the incidental catch clause, a section inserted into the bill by the opposition as a last-minute amendment in an attempt to sabotage the Umpqua closure. In order to save any part of the closure bill during the last few days of the session, sponsors were forced to accept objectionable features while concentrating on amending dates which would have opened the river to commercial fishing throughout the entire year. That the closure bill, despite the incidental catch clause, was effective, is shown by catch records indicating that commercial gear took only about one-fourth as many game fish as in former

years, thus allowing a far greater escapement.

It is probable, however, that proposed amendments to the Umpqua bill will be held back until the legislature has an opportunity to consider measures proposing closing of all coastal streams, except the Columbia, to all commercial fishing. The latter measure, expected to be sponsored and supported by the combined sportsmen's organizations of the state, would eliminate necessity for further action on the Umpqua bill, providing it receives legislative approval.

On the other hand, commercial interests are expected to advocate outright repeal of the Umpqua bill. At the same time the Fish Commission, it is believed, will seek complete authority over all salmon fishing, both sports and commercial, in all streams of the state—an extension of the powers of its Authority Bill, passed in the last legislature, but which failed to carry all-inclusive authority sought by the commission.

### Tough Task Faced

Considering that the legislature will have an exhaustive report from the interim committee now studying fish and game management, together with suggested legislation for improving the State Game Commission and game program, and that the bill introduced by John B. Ebinger, Klamath Falls attorney, into the last session, calling for a complete reorganization of both the Fish and Game Commissions, doubtless will be re-introduced, and that the many other fish and game bills common to every Oregon legislative session will be presented, it is quite evident that the lawmakers will be required to devote much time to the perpetual "fish fight."

The process involved in obtaining rules to end the incidental catch controversy has necessitated lengthy and complicated studies and opinions from the office of Attorney General George Neuner.

Deputy Attorney General Miller, operating under instructions from Neuner, prepared several lengthy opinions for both the Game and Fish Commissions, setting forth powers and duties of each. He held, after exhaustive study, that the Game Commission retained power to regulate sports angling for salmon. He went far back into the history of the Umpqua River, showing that numerous laws had been passed in previous sessions curtailing commercial fishing and showing continuing "intent" on the part of the legislature to protect the stream's game fish life. He held further that, under the Authority Bill, the Fish Commission had power to impose seasons and deadlines with relation to commercial fishing on the Umpqua River, and had the responsibility of carrying out the "intent" of the legislature for protection of game fish species. It was on the findings of the latter opinion that the Fish Commission adopted its striped bass regulations.

### Red Cross Training Opened to Volunteers

Applications will be received at the Red Cross chapter offices in the Roseburg Armory for enrollment in a training course for several Red Cross volunteer services, to be offered Feb. 26 and Feb. 27, it was announced today. Volunteer services will include the staff service, hospital and recreation service, home service, canteen service, motor service, and production service, all to be organized by the Douglas County chapter.

The various services will be explained in the two-day course by Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Portland, volunteer representative for the Red Cross in Oregon.

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## World Could Do With Considerable More Tolerance

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
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Surely newspaper columnists must have been in mind when it was pointed out in the Book of Proverbs that "the way of transgressor is hard."

Your columnist has had his knuckles soundly rapped by a reader for views expressed at the time of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination. On that tragic occasion I wrote:

"Gandhi-Ji was my friend—the friend of all humanity, for that matter. He was indeed a Holy man whose outlook was not restricted by race or dogma. His whole code was summed up in goodness, and he took it where he found it."

"His own life encompassed not only Hinduism, in which he was born, but Christianity, Mohammedism, and other religions. And he once told me that the greatest influence in his life had been Christ's Sermon on the Mount."

My reader critic (and Heaven bless 'em all, just so long as they are readers) demands how I explain that statement about Gandhi's life encompassing Christianity, "in the light of Exodus 20:3—'Thou Shalt Have no Other Gods Before Me'?"

### Incident Related

Well, I'm too old a hand to get involved in technical religious arguments, being the son of a Methodist minister and thus knowing something of the pitfalls for amateurs—especially on Friday the thirteenth. So I am going to stand pat and tell a story about some little incidents which long have seemed to me to be an invitation to tolerance, in a world which needs it.

On my first visit to India a generation ago I was the guest of the late Maharajah of Bikanir, an Arabian knights prince who was among the greatest of the sub-continent potentates. He was in every respect a grand gentleman who followed the highest moral code himself and insisted on the same from his officials and court.

But his highness was a Hindu, and through his only friendly connivance I saw him in a ceremony which probably no other non-Hindu ever had witnessed.

I saw him and his two little princes prostrated on the floor of the great temple before a stone idol. I was shocked and troubled as I tried to weigh that sight against his grand mor-

als. Then came that little incident inviting tolerance.

The day I left Bikanir the Maharajah also was traveling by train to Delhi and he invited me to ride in his palatial private car. We pulled out of the Capital at sunset, and I stood by a window admiring the picture made by the golden rays striking across the towers and turrets of the city. Suddenly I became aware that the prince was on his knees in prayer, and when he arose after several minutes he turned to me and said:

"I owe you an explanation. When I leave my capital I always pray God to keep my people safe, and bring me back to them again."

## Deadline Cited On Exemptions Claim

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—If you paid \$500 or more to a doctor, lawyer or servant last year, there's a tax collector's deadline to meet this midnight.

It applies, too, if you paid \$500 or more directly to a landlord—not through an agent—or to anyone else if the payment wasn't subject to the wage-withholding tax.

Persons making such payments must report them by Feb. 15. But Monday will be the final date this year because Feb. 15 falls on a Sunday.

The reports are called "information returns." They are used by the internal revenue bureau as a check on the income tax returns of people who received such money.

## Farm Insurance Firm Organized

PENDLETON, ORE., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Organization of the Oregon Farm Bureau Insurance Company, capitalized at \$101,000 with surplus of \$75,750 and headquarters at Pendleton, has been completed by the Farm Bureau Board of Directors here.

The firm will be a legal reserve stock company incorporated under Oregon laws. It plans to offer full automobile and farm truck insurance coverage as well as a new comprehensive or general farmers liability coverage, a board spokesman said.

The company was financed by popular subscription among the bureau's members. Service will be for Farm Bureau members and for and controlled by the only and the firm will be operated for and controlled by the membership, Marshall Swearingen of Pendleton, Bureau executive secretary, said.

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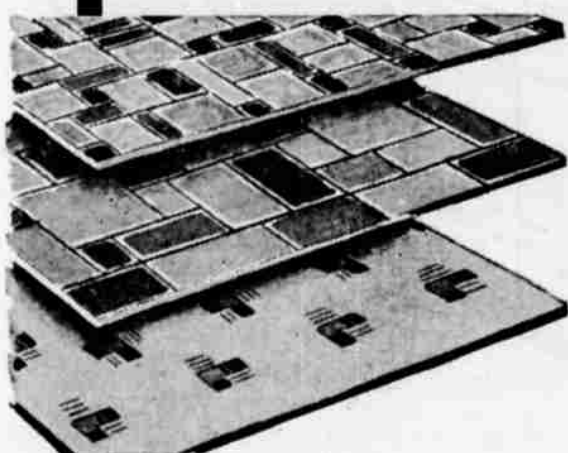


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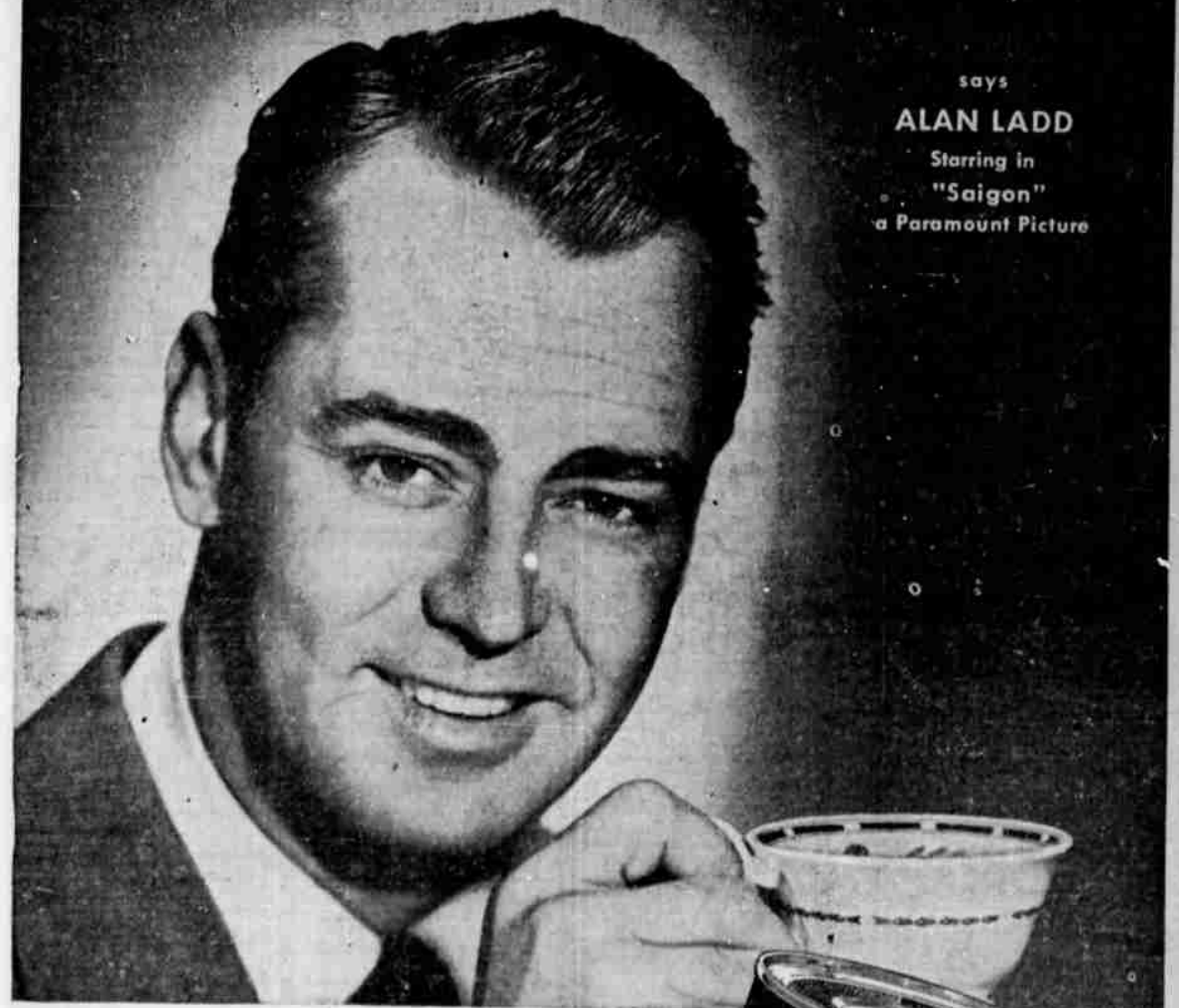
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