

Proposed World Calendar Would Make Each Year Same, Everywhere

By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON—Renewed effort is being made in Congress to get Uncle Sam's legal blessing on the adoption of the proposed perpetual world calendar, which would make every year the same—everywhere. A bill introduced by Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn.) calling upon President Truman to take administrative action to bring about the calendar change in 1950 has gone to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The bill also asks that all U. S. delegates to international conferences, and especially those representing this country at United Nations sessions, work for its worldwide adoption. Senator Kefauver's bill stresses the need for a perpetual calendar which would retain the traditional 12 months but would equalize the quarters of the year so that the days of the week and dates always agree from year to year.

Under the new calendar each quarter year would have 91 days, or 13 weeks, or three months. Every month would have 28 week-days, plus Sundays. Every year would begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Backers of the proposal want to start the new calendar in 1950 because the year will begin on a Sunday, and the switch would be easier.

The new calendar would drop two dates in the Gregorian Calendar we now use. Two new dates would take their places. Dec. 31 would become "W December" for "Worlds-day." The 29th of February in leap years would become "W June." Both would be world holidays.

Tentative Approval Given
The World Calendar Association, a non-profit outfit, reports that already 17 governments, including the United States, have given formal tentative approval of the calendar reform and 24 other governments have indicated they will adopt or support the measure if the major powers adopt it.

In government the fiscal year would always begin the same day and date. Thus customs receipts, taxes, internal revenue collections and interest on bonds would be easily computed. Wages and business expenses could be figured more accurately, and all holidays would be fixed.

Senator To Urge Pacific Copy Of Atlantic Treaty

SEATTLE, May 18.—(AP)—Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) said here Tuesday he will advocate a Pacific alliance similar to the recently signed North Atlantic pact.

The proposal, he said, will be made in a Senate speech next week. Magnuson termed it essential that the countries of the Pacific Basin band together against the Communist menace of Asia. He mentioned specifically Australia, the Philippines, Burma and Thailand, which are having Communist difficulties on the fringe of China, along with nations on the West Coast of South America.



WILL SING IN ROSEBURG—A soprano and two bass-baritones make up this vocal trio, which is coming here on May 24 with the University of Oregon singers. Songs in the modern manner will be sung by the threesome, Miss Claire Lewis, Wayne Sherwood on the left, and James McMullen.

Russians "conceived the electric light, radio, penicillin, the airplane and a long list of others."

"We've been asleep at the switch. It's no one's particular fault and it's everyone's fault."

He expressed the belief the United States should lend all financial, economic and moral assistance possible to any government which sets itself up in China against the Communists.

Turning to territorial problems, Magnuson said he would try to "get the cart before the horse" by having Alaska's statehood approved before Hawaii—which has a priority because it had its bid in first.

"Statehood for Hawaii," he asserted, "has been held back because some Congressmen are afraid we might wind up with a couple of Japanese members of Congress."

Magnuson declined on grounds of senatorial courtesy to name the men to whom he referred but said they could be "described as geographical."

Russia Lays Claim To Still More Inventions

LONDON, May 18.—(AP)—Russia laid claim to still more inventions today.

The Moscow radio said the naval torpedo was invented in the early 1860's by one Alexandrovsky; the tractor was invented in 1785, by a man named Vankomov, and the process of rolling armor plate was thought up by one Vasilii Pyatov.

Previously Moscow has claimed

Alaska Governor Asks Funds For Jobs Program

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Gov. Ernest Gruening urged a Senate Committee Tuesday to approve a \$70,000,000 Alaska public works program to make the area more attractive to settlers.

He appeared before a public works subcommittee considering legislation to set up a program which would require cooperation by the territory and its municipalities.

Repayments of from 25 to 75 percent of the cost of the program would be necessary, with the average repayment about half the amount spent.

Gruening said the program would attract settlers north. Such civilian development is necessary, he said, to back up military strength.

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