

## United States Could Lose Alaska By Neglect, Report To President Truman Says

WASHINGTON, June 15. —(AP)—A report before President Truman suggests that the United States could lose Alaska by default to the United Nations.

The report, describing a Reclamation Bureau reconnaissance of Alaska's water resources, was presented to the President by Secretary of the Interior Krug. It carries the endorsement of Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commander in chief of the Alaskan command.

"It is quite conceivable," the report says, "that sometime in the future the United Nations might demand more equitable division of the unpopulated and potentially rich regions of the globe."

"Therefore, the United States is faced with the problem: Who will develop Alaska? Will it be Americans, or will it be the land-hungry

people of devastated Europe or the overcrowded Orient?" and the report adds:

"Today Alaska belongs to the United States; tomorrow it could belong to the world."

The document describes the territory as:

(1) One of the greatest undeveloped areas in a land-hungry, resources-hungry world; (2) a potential leader in the development of Asia; (3) one of the few places on earth that could provide the fantastic amounts of power required for the Army's proposed supersonic wind tunnel; and (4) a possible major weapon-launching point in a push-button war.

**Alaskans Need Help**  
Alaska — Present population 100,000—some day may become a



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By J. R. Williams

## CVA Defended And Condemned

BOISE, Idaho, June 16. —(AP)—The proposed Columbia Valley administration was defended as a dictatorship and condemned as a means of providing efficient development of the Northwest at a meeting here Tuesday.

Opposing the CVA at a meeting sponsored by the Boise League of Women Voters was Judge Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, Ore., former president of the National Reclamation Association.

Defending the proposal was Robert L. Summerfield, Twin Falls businessman and former candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

A straw vote at the meeting showed 86 for the CVA, 10 against; 60 for a non-authority development plan and three undecided. League officials emphasized that only 159 of the estimated 400 attending the meeting cast ballots.

### COSTLY SHOO

CRANBROOK, B. C., June 15. —(AP)—Today's lesson: Don't shoo. Be—your may lose Gs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patjen of Portland, Ore., told police they shooed a bee out of their car yesterday and apparently shooed out Mrs. Patjen's purse at the same time.

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ized with cuts, bruises and rib fractures.

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**PAIS SUFFOCATE IN ICE BOX**—James Buddy Chesser (right), 8, admitted to Walnut Ridge, Ark., authorities that he shut three playmates in an icebox during a game of hide-and-seek, then left them there to suffocate when he couldn't get the door open. Here Buddy and Byron Chastain (left) oblige authorities by climbing into the icebox where the three children suffocated.

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little Scandinavia with 10,000,000 people, Krug said.

Krug told President Truman in a report on the territory's resources that Alaska has a potential hydroelectric capacity of more than 8,000,000 kilowatts.

This, he said, is "more than half the amount of hydroelectric power now developed in the United States and is more than three times the installed capacity of the Tennessee Valley Authority."

But Alaskans need help to develop their lands and rivers, Krug said—help under the reclamation law, now limited to the western states.

**Comparisons Made**  
Of Alaska's population outlook, Krug's report said:

"At least 5,000,000 people could be sustained on Alaska's resources. Norway, Finland and Sweden with the same latitude, but more fully matured economically, have a present population density 2½ to 5 times greater than Alaska would have if it had 5,000,000 inhabitants."

"In Alaska, . . . there are 386,000 square miles of land more habitable and fertile and with more natural resources than the average land in Norway, Finland and Swe-

den.

"A potential population density, midway between that of Norway and Sweden, would result in a potential Alaska population of more than 12,000,000 persons."

"By this reasoning, it is not unlikely that Alaska ultimately will have 10,000,000 people."

The report said Alaska can never hope to be entirely self-sufficient in food production.

### Seven Naval Reservists Perish In Plane Crash

SANTA MONICA, Calif., June 15. —(AP)—Charred wreckage and a tall fin painted with yellow "X's" to designate it as an "old crash" are all that remain today of a Navy transport plane which carried seven men to their death Monday night.

The RD-4—Navy version of the DC-3—crashed into the Santa Monica mountains while trying to land here in a heavy fog on a flight from Moffett field, San Francisco.

The airmen were reservists from the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., on the West Coast on a training mission.

### One Killed, Five Hurt In Traffic Collision

SEATTLE, June 16. —(AP)—A southbound auto rammed another machine at the entrance to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport on Highway 99 Monday night, killing one woman and seriously injuring five other persons.

Mrs. Melba Mae Phillips, 41, of Seattle, was killed. Most seriously injured was Mrs. Evelyn L. White, 41, also of Seattle, who was reported to be in critical condition at the Renton Hospital.

State Patrolman De Witt Whitman reported Thomas J. Nolan, 36, who moved here recently from Portland, was the driver of the other car. Whitman said it struck the Phillips car broadside as the latter was making a left turn into the airport. Nolan was hospitalized.

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