

Seaton Pacifies Alaskans; Looks, Listens On Visitation To Northland In Winter

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton has just returned from a triumphal tour of Alaska, demonstrating a talent for pacifying and pleasing many of the groups and people that simply got sore at his predecessor, Douglas McKay.

It was Seaton's first visit to Alaska, and, as the Anchorage Times observed, "He became the

Five Teamsters Sue For Audit Of Union Record

SEATTLE — Five Teamsters Union members brought suit Wednesday seeking an audit of the records of Seattle Local 174, whose leaders refused to testify before a Senate subcommittee.

Superior Judge Theodore S. Turner ordered union officers to show cause Feb. 18 why they should not produce the records.

Attorney Stuart G. Oles, who brought the court action in the name of five men, said more than 100 union members were supporting it.

Named in the suit were George Cavano, also known as Nugent LaPoma, union secretary-treasurer, and Russell Anderson, president of the local.

Cavano and Frank W. Brewster, president of the Western Conference of Teamsters, refused to produce the local's records or answer questions about union finances at a Washington, D. C. hearing of a Senate subcommittee investigating possible racketeering in labor and industry.

The Senate group, a subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee, cited Brewster for contempt.

Last week Brewster and Cavano announced they would produce records and testify before a new special Senate committee.

One Killed, Five Hurt When Bus Hits Truck

FORREST CITY, Ark. — One person was killed, five were hurt critically and 19 others were hospitalized Wednesday after a school bus and tractor-trailer truck collided near here.

Dead is Rufus Duff, 45-year-old Negro who was driving the bus. State Police at this east Arkansas town said the five critically injured persons—four Negro children on the bus and the driver of the truck—are not expected to live.

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first cabinet officer of the United States ever to come to the territory in the winter." This broke a 46-year-old precedent that Interior secretaries inspected this northern territory in the summertime and looked over the Virgin Islands or Hawaii in the winter.

Behind Seaton's wintery junket was the fact that in the short time he had been in the cabinet, he has persuaded President Eisenhower to come out for Alaskan statehood — and before he is called to Capitol Hill to testify on statehood legislation, Seaton needed the experience of a personal inspection of Alaska to be better equipped to support his case.

This in itself offers the most significant contrast between the way he had handled the matter and McKay's method. McKay went to Alaska in July 1954 and told Alaskans one reason they wouldn't get statehood was their "belligerent attitude." He told Alaskans to start acting "like ladies and gentlemen."

For carrying on in typical Charlie Wilson fashion, McKay made

Adopted Third Of Hoover Report Saves Millions

WASHINGTON — The Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report said this week more than a third of the Hoover Commission's recommendations have been or are being put into effect. It estimated potential government savings of \$62 million dollars a year are involved.

But the committee added in a report that "a strong drive is required to reap the full benefits" streamlining government operations.

The report was issued in connection with a meeting of 500 delegates from 30 states. Listed to address the two-day national reorganization conference, called by the committee, were President Eisenhower, Atty. Gen. Brownell and former President Herbert Hoover, who headed the two reorganization commissions.

The report said action has been taken to put into effect 39 per cent of the 314 recommendations made by the second Hoover Commission in June, 1953. The first commission operated during the Truman administration.

The committee said the remaining recommendations, including many of the most controversial ones, point the way to yearly economies totaling another 4½ billion dollars.

In a prepared speech, Charles R. Hook, chairman of Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, called on the delegates to support a drive for elimination of many of the 2,500 business-type enterprises conducted by the Defense Department.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

SALEM — Rep. Norman R. Howard, Portland, and eight other Democrats introduced a bill Wednesday to give homestead tax exemptions to World War I veterans.

big, bold headlines which read: "McKay Chastises Alaskans."

Quite the opposite, Seaton went north to "look and listen" to what Alaskans had to tell him. He didn't make many bold headlines with what he said, but the editorial commentary told the story of his impact.

Seaton is the "most able Interior secretary in history, recognizing the fact that there have been able men before him," declared the

2 Airlines Ask Permit To Fly Circle Route

WASHINGTON — Two domestic airlines asked the Civil Aeronautics Board Wednesday for authority to fly trans-polar routes between the West Coast and Europe.

The request was made by Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines, each of which seeks authority to operate from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle to Europe over the top-of-the-world route.

A CAB examiner has recommended the two carriers each be given permanent authority to fly the route from Los Angeles and San Francisco and that Pan American be authorized until July 4, 1959, to fly from Seattle.

Opposing the application in oral arguments before the board today were Northwest Airlines and United Air Lines. Sens. Morse and Neuberger and Rep. Green, Oregon Democrats, and various Oregon spokesmen also urged inclusion of authority for both carriers to operate from Portland.

Attorneys for Trans World and Pan American said American-flag carriers are unable to compete by trans-Atlantic flights via New York with the shorter, direct polar service offered by foreign carriers.

Tractor Train Trudges Toward Antarctic Base

By JAMES F. TOMLINSON

On The Trail to Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica — Eighteen Americans aboard a bright orange tractor train are chugging across a desert of snow toward the antarctic highlands.

The seven giant tractors left the Operation Deep Freeze base at Little America V to carry supplies across the frozen 650-mile trail to a U.S. scientific outpost at Marie Byrd Land.

Skirting yawning crevices and battling bitter cold, the train is averaging about two miles an hour. The round trip is expected to take a month.

The caravan moves around the clock in the 24-hour sunlight of the antarctic summer. Half the expedition members — 16 Navy Seabees and two Army transportation experts — sleep while the other half drive. They shift every 12 hours.

Each tractor is towing two 20-ton sleds carrying equipment and supplies. Fitted out for sleeping are wannigans, portable bunk-houses equipped with triple-tiered canvas bunks. Another wannigan serves as cookhouse and mess hall.

Salem Council Issues Call For Bus Operators

SALEM — The Salem City Council, after an informal meeting Wednesday, issued a call for interviews with persons or concerns interested in taking over a franchise or operation of street buses here.

The council also rejected a plan proposed by City Transit Lines, operators of the city bus system, which would have had the city lease the system and employ the company to operate it.

City Atty. Chris J. Kowitz said that the lease plan is contrary to the Oregon Constitution, which prohibits cities from lending credit or aid to private corporations.

Officials of City Transit had indicated that their operations would cease on March 1 unless the lease plan were put into effect.

France And Algerian Peace Talks Urged

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Immediate peace talks between France and Algerian rebel leaders are urged in a resolution submitted to the U.N. Assembly's Political Committee by 18 Arab-Asian nations.

Another group of delegates was working on a resolution asking the U.N. to shelve the issue for another year. Nations pushing that move included Canada, Italy and Peru.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles indicated to his news conference Tuesday he hoped that would happen.

SPEAKER CHOSEN

SALEM — Dr. Howard W. Runkel, chairman of the speech department of Willamette University, will deliver the Legislature's Lincoln Day address at a joint session at 10 a. m. on Feb. 12.

The program, to last only 30 minutes, also will include singing of the national anthem by John Carpenter, Portland radio and television announcer.

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publisher of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. He predicted "more accomplishments in the next four years for Alaska than in any previous time in the territory's history."

The Anchorage Times, Alaska's largest daily which used to blister McKay at least once weekly, said: "Secretary Seaton won the hearts as well as the minds of everyone he contacted. . . . We have been unable to find even one person who came away from a meeting with anything other than a most favorable impression. Alaskans discovered the secretary is the man they have awaited these many years to occupy this office which holds such tremendous powers over the fate of Alaska."

An Alaskan columnist put it this way: "Any way you looked at him, Seaton, with his concern and interest in the territory, is quite a change from former 'Great White Father' Doug McKay, who toured Alaska with the attitude of a haughty spirit hurt by the demand and desire for concrete answers that Alaskans put to him."

Seaton seemed to be preparing Alaskans for a type of statehood bill that won't be altogether to their liking, probably one that will chop off the northwest portion of the territory, which is closest to Siberia, and isolate this section for strictly military purposes. He advised them to take what they can get, or be outnumbered by the enemies of statehood if they start

wrangling over terms in the bill.

Later this month, Seaton flies to Hawaii. The Eisenhower administration has always favored statehood for the Pacific territory, but charges of renewed Communist activities there have caused some alarm in administration quarters.

As a strong advocate of statehood for both territories, Seaton will now have to demonstrate an ability to translate his sentiment into political action by marshalling the administration and leaders in Congress to try to put it across. If he succeeds, he may well be the favorite son candidate at the GOP convention in 1960, for already he has the backing of the Anchorage Times for president of the United States.

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Crop Values In Basin Project Up Sharply

EPHRATA, Wash. — Crop values in the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project were up 32 per cent over the previous year, a report showed Wednesday.

Value of crops grown on 176,000 cultivated acres totaled \$22,400,000, the report said, for an average of \$127.24 per acre. This was about \$14 more than in 1955.

Higher yields were listed as responsible for most of the increase. More than 50 crops were grown on the project last year with 5,600 acres of early potatoes and 15,200 acres of late potatoes were valued at more than \$5,500,000. Dry and edible beans, alfalfa hay, sugar beets, peas and wheat all were valued at nearly \$2,000,000.

SPECIAL FEE ASKED

SALEM — A bill to sell non-resident fishing licenses for a fee of \$1 per day was introduced Wednesday by Rep. Thomas P.

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