

U. S. Fishermen Urged To Shun Violence In Trawler Incidents

KODIAK, Alaska (UPI)—American fishermen here were cautioned by Gov. William A. Egan last week to avoid reacting with violence to what they claim is deliberate harassment by Russian fishing vessels.

The governor flew here late last week from the capital of Juneau to make a first hand investigation and to check reports that angry fishermen here had ordered two anti-tank rifles and ammunition from a Los Angeles firm.

At a meeting Friday night which saw 75 persons jam into Magistrate Court chambers to air their complaints before Egan, Mike Lynch, skipper of the boat Express, said, "It's going to take a little act of violence to bring this thing to a head."

"I sympathize with you and other fishermen," Egan told Lynch. "If I were the skipper of one of those boats, I would feel the same way. But an act of violence would hinder rather than expedite that day when a solution will be reached."

Charge Deliberate Destruction

But many fishermen seemed tired of waiting and threatened violence unless the federal government takes action to stop what they said is deliberate destruction of their gear by Russian fishermen.

Egan said he hoped a plea by Sen. E. L. Bartlett, D-Alaska, for more Coast Guard and Navy vessels to be stationed in Alaska waters would ease the tension in the fishing areas off Kodiak Island.

"What we've been trying to impress these people in Washington with is that these recent actions are not inadvertent slips. These are deliberate attempts to harass our fishermen. An act of violence would upset the progress we've made so far," Egan said.

Coast Guard Capt. R. E. Hammon also warned the fishermen not to let their tempers get the best of them.

"The minute you shoot at a Russian window, you too are violating the law. The Russians could shoot and sink you and nobody would be able to help, he said.

In International Waters

Incidents involving Russian fishing vessels have taken place in international waters and the Coast Guard has been powerless to intervene.

But Egan hinted that action of some sort would be forthcoming.

"What's happening here is happening along the northeastern coast too. We will be helped by diplomatic overtures. But if we still experience gear losses, then stronger measures may have to be taken with worldwide implications," he said.

Russian vessels fish for crab with large nets which are dragged along the bottom of the ocean scooping under the crabs and sometimes under stationary objects such as American crab pots which are lowered to the bottom of the ocean.

Alaska fishermen have said they have lost at least 77 crab pots valued at a minimum of \$200 each because of the actions of Russian fishing vessels.

United States Is Closing Military Bases In France

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States is streamlining its military supply lines in Europe, closing down a group of bases in France and shipping home the 5,400 U.S. Army troops who man them.

A Pentagon spokesman said the action, announced recently, was being taken purely in the interests of economy. He denied that friction with the government of French President Charles de Gaulle had anything to do with the shutdown.

The 6,200 French civilians working at the military supply depots will be fired, the Defense Department said. This move will eliminate nearly one-third of the U.S. Army's civilian French employees, who totaled 19,000 as of last July 1.

Airlift Division

Earlier this week, the Pentagon announced that an entire armored division—16,000 troops—would be airlifted to West Germany in 240 huge transport planes for a week of maneuvers in "Operation Big Lift." The operation will be the largest overseas airlift ever undertaken.

There was speculation at that time that the massive airlift could point the way to eventual withdrawal of some of the U.S. combat troops now stationed in Europe, thus aiding in reduction of the nation's balance of payments deficit.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said "Operation Big Lift" would "provide a dramatic illustration of the United States capability for rapid reinforcement of NATO forces." He said it would "project a new magnitude of United States military responsiveness."

Economical Supply Routes

The Pentagon said Friday the port and depot facilities would be closed in France because "shorter, more economical routes of supply... will permit forward positioning of military stocks."

The troops to be returned home were identified as the 4th Logistical Command, headquartered at Verdun. There was no estimate as to when the reorganization might be completed, but similar operations have sometimes taken 12 to 18 months.

The troops being brought home presumably are in addition to the 40,000 scheduled for redeployment back to the United States by the end of this year.

Public Hearings Slated For New Grain Standards

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A series of public hearings gets under way this week in major wheat trading centers on a controversial new proposal to stiffen government grade standards for wheat.

The proposal is aimed, according to its sponsors, at improving the quality of American wheat moving into export markets. Backers of the proposed changes have said the revisions would make American wheat more attractive to foreign buyers.

Critics of the changes contend, on the other hand, that they would reduce farm income.

Hearings on the issue have been scheduled by the Agriculture Department Tuesday at Kansas City, Mo. That session will be followed by three others—Oct. 1 at Minneapolis, Minn.; Oct. 8 at Portland, Ore.; and Oct. 11 at Toledo, Ohio.

The Agriculture Department announced the proposals early in August after a two-year study of the existing grade standards for wheat. The changes would reduce allowable limits on items like damaged kernels and foreign material in existing wheat grades.

The new tariff policies of the European Common Market soon will be biting into another of the American farmer's export markets.

A new Common Market duty on wheat is expected to produce a rapid and sharp drop in sales of American hard to Western Germany. And another new duty on variety meats is likely to reduce American exports to the Common Market gradually over a period of several years.

In comparison with the total European market for American products, the sales affected by the latest tariff moves will be relatively small. But the principle involved—the Common Market's use of a new variable duty system—is something the U.S. government has been fighting for more than a year. It's the same system used to cut European imports of American poultry by about \$46 million.

Eisenhower Has No Favorites As Candidates

NEW YORK (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said Sunday he had no favorites for the GOP presidential nomination and stressed that the party had a "wealth of men" from which to choose a candidate.

At the same time, Eisenhower, in a copyrighted dispatch in the New York Herald Tribune, denied reports that he opposed Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., for the nomination.

However, Eisenhower said he was "unclear on precisely" what Goldwater's present views are. He said that only when candidates mentioned for the nomination "are on record with their current views will the party be in a position to make the most intelligent choice."

"I think all Republicans would want to learn more about how he (Goldwater) and each of the other possible candidates would now approach the issues of 1964," he added.

"At this point I am neither against nor specifically for any candidate but do wish them all well. I shall not participate in a move to 'stop' any one candidate."

Others he mentioned as possibilities for the nomination were New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Michigan Gov. George Romney, Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton, former Treasury Secretary Robert Anderson and Walter Judd, former congressman from Minnesota.

"In Oregon's Gov. (Mark) Hatfield we have one of the vigorous and typically western voices that should be heard. I could name and have done so in the past, a dozen other highly qualified possibilities from government, business and the professions, who would not only make valuable contributions to the discussion, but would, if the convention saw fit, make excellent candidates," he said.

Token Opposition Predicted For 1st Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate leaders expected only token opposition today when the bill to extend the Civil Rights Commission for one year is brought up for action.

Several Southern senators were ready to attack the extension, but major delaying moves such as a filibuster were considered unlikely against the measure which is the first civil rights proposal to reach the Senate floor this year. The commission expires officially at midnight but leaders were hopeful they could pass the extension by this week.

The measure will be attached as a "rider" to a House-approved private relief bill that would pay \$816.83 to Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mason, a World War II widow in Houlton, Maine.

Although the commission officially ends business tonight, its employees can continue for two months in closing-up operations. Supporters of the extension said failure of Congress to act by tonight would make little difference in the commission's operation.

Other congressional news:

Wheat: Members of the Senate Foreign Relations and Agriculture committees were to receive a briefing from Agriculture Secretary Orville E. Freeman and Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges on the deal for Russia to purchase U. S. wheat. Although no definite offer has been received by the Russians, American grain dealers who bargained with a Soviet mission last week said the Soviet Union was interested in buying three million tons of U. S. wheat for about \$250 million.

Police Action Prevents Asylum Escape Attempt

BROADMOOR, England (UPI)—Quick action by police frustrated a 20-man murder-and-escape plot at the asylum here which houses Britain's criminally insane, it was reported.

A shakedown search inspired by an informer's tip uncovered seven hacksaw blades, a 10-inch knife and a detailed sketch of the 18-foot wall around the asylum's kitchen garden. Three of the saw blades were hidden in the spines of books recently sent to an inmate.

The inmate with the books, whose name was not made public, told questioners he and 19 other men had planned to kill a guard and go over the wall.

Wolf Creek Slayer Gets Fifteen-Year Sentence

GRANTS PASS (UPI)—Gerald Oden, 25, Wolf Creek, has been sentenced to 15 years in the Oregon Penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter.

Circuit Judge Orval Millard tacked on two more years after Oden pleaded guilty to burglary.

Oden was convicted of manslaughter by a jury Sept. 14 as a result of the fatal beating of Lloyd Harper, 48, Grants Pass, July 12. Oden and Norman Thomas, 22, Grants Pass, were arrested on charges of first degree murder following the slaying. Thomas will go on trial later.

Oden also was charged with burglary not in a dwelling after the Tru-Firm Lumber Co. near Grants Pass was entered May 21.

Season Of Year Has No Influence On Ulcers

By DELOS SMITH

NEW YORK (UPI)—Statistical proof is now offered that the season of the year does not influence a man's ulcer. The medical scientists who produced it hoped it would kill a common belief among ulcer men and even their physicians that there are seasons when ulcers get worse.

Drs. Syed Z. Ahmed, Martin Levine and Rodman B. Finkbinder solved the difficult measuring of when a peptic ulcer is worse by using only the ultimate worsening. That is hemorrhaging or perforation, and when either happens it is too grave to allow for statistical error.

The scientists work in the gastrointestinal research laboratory of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. With punch cards and a bookkeeping machine they

analyzed 411 completely documented cases of hemorrhaging or perforation treated in the hospital during the 10 years from 1949 to 1958.

Existence Was Proven

In each case the presence of an ulcer crater in either the stomach or duodenum had been proved either by X-ray or in surgery or by autopsy. The season of the year of drastic worsening was established in the hospital records, of course.

Autumn was taken to begin Sept. 21, winter, December 21, spring, March 21, and summer, June 21. Statistically 29 per cent of the worsenings occurred in autumn, which was the highest. In summer 21.6 per cent took place. But the occurrences in winter and spring were 24.8 per cent and 24.8 per cent respectively.

No matter what statistical checking formula you apply, there is no statistical significance in those differences and the scientists were emphatic in saying so.

In the morbid chit-chat among the high-pressure ulcer men in American life, the belief is that spring and autumn are the "ulcer seasons" and summer is the season when a man is least likely to have a flare-up.

Not only did the over-all statistics disprove that; it was proved again when the scientists broke the statistics down for year-by-year analysis in the hope of demonstrating regular cycles if such cycles existed.

Summer Was Worst

In two of the 10 years summer had the highest incidence of severe worsening and it had the lowest in only three years. Au-

tumn had the lowest incidence in one year and was tied for lowest in another year.

Spring had the lowest incidence in two years and the highest in two other years. Winter had the lowest in three years and the highest in one.

"The seasonal variation in peptic ulcer is very slight and variable from year to year," the scientists said in their report to the American College of Physicians. "The concept of spring and fall exacerbation of peptic ulcer has been exaggerated."

They blamed the mistaken support medical science has previously given to the "ulcer season" theory on the difficulties of measuring. Their method eliminated many of the variables responsible for false conclusions, they said.

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