

Alaska's Fishermen Angered By Actions Of Soviet Trawlers

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KODIAK, Alaska (UPI)—The brawny, leather-faced Alaskans who earn their living scooping king crabs from the sea are men long on action and short on diplomacy. They're seething in anger at Russian fishermen who have been coming through carefully developed fishing grounds like vacuum sweepers, carelessly gathering huge quantities of crabs and killing and maiming thousands of others.

The crab fishermen's private cold war with their Soviet counterparts could turn hot any day—perhaps to the point of shooting—if the Russians persist in destructive "invasions" of the rich fishing waters off Alaska. Some of the U.S. fishermen are going to sea armed and they don't intend to sit idly by while the Soviets threaten the very existence of this community's \$8 million-a-year crab industry by using fishing methods which violate U.S. law.

It all started two years ago, on Thanksgiving Day, when a single-engine plane dipped low over the choppy, steel-gray Gulf of Alaska and state Fish and Game Department employee Ovid McKinley saw a fishing trawler below with a red hammer and sickle painted on its stack.

Since that first Soviet vessel was detected in traditional U.S. fishing waters off the 49th state, as many as 82 Russian ships—ranging in size from 127-foot trawlers to 575-foot processing vessels—have been counted off Kodiak Island at one time.

Invasion Of Grounds
American skippers and state officials call it an "invasion" of U.S. developed fishing grounds. Fishermen have testified under oath that Russian vessels are deliberately harrasing

them, destroying their gear, and as one put it, "generally making themselves obnoxious."

Robert J. Simon, a Fish and Game Department biologist, testified that if Russian fishermen continue their activities, Kodiak's crab fishers could easily be ruined—perhaps within five years.

The tension here and on the waters around the island is electric.

At least two American skippers are known to have ordered heavy arms—an anti-tank rifle and a small cannon—from surplus firms in Los Angeles and Alexandria, Va.

Recently, U.S. Coast Guard cutters stopped two American vessels—the Eldorado and the North Beach, skippered by Louis Wick and Tom McAllister—in waters off Kodiak and searched them for arms. None was found.

The Coast Guard 17th District with headquarters at Juneau, has refused to talk about specifics and says only that the boardings were legal under the Navigation Act and that if any heavy arms are found they will be confiscated.

Extend Patrols
Coast Guard patrols off Kodiak were scheduled to stop Oct. 1, because there usually is little activity during the fall and winter months, but they have been extended until December in an effort to prevent an international incident.

American fishermen have charged repeatedly—and the Coast Guard was reported to have photographs substantiating it—that Russian trawlers deliberately drag their nets through strings of American crab pots, cutting the buoy lines so they can't be retrieved or damaging the pots so badly they are worthless.

As one disgruntled skipper put it: "The ocean's a pretty big place, yet with all of it to wander around in, they insist on going right through our gear."

Most of the incidents have taken place in international waters, where the Coast Guard legally is powerless to take action. Some fishermen have reported seeing Russian vessels—particularly whalers—inside the U.S. three-mile limit, but none has ever been caught fishing there.

Even if one were caught, under present law, the Coast Guard could do little since the United States has no laws providing for the arrest or imprisonment of foreign fishermen violating territorial waters.

To make matters worse, Russian trawlers have a top speed of 18 knots, while the Coast Guard cutters stationed here can make only 12.

Students Hear College Talk

Interested students of both high school and junior high levels, and their parents, were present when Victoria Shellenberg, representative of the Seven College Conference Scholarship Program, outlined academic and scholarship opportunities for women at the so-called "Ivy League" schools. She was speaker at a meeting held Sunday at the Umpqua Hotel.

Miss Shellenberg stressed the need for early preparation while still in high school and said that college board examinations should be taken in the junior year as well as the senior year, along with achievement tests in the subjects already completed, by those considering enrollment in one of the eastern schools. Schools in the conference are Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Mount Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Radcliff and Barnard.

The Seven College Program offers 21 scholarships a year, according to Miss Shellenberg. Local girls interested in obtaining additional information may contact Mrs. John Davenport of Roseburg, graduate of Vassar, who is prepared to assist local girls interested in applying for scholarships or matriculating at one of the eastern schools. A representative from the conference visits this area only once in three years, Mrs. Davenport said.

ILLNESS RETIRES C Valley Pastor

The Rev. J. T. Dixon, pastor of the Camas Valley Methodist Church, has retired from the active ministry due to a recent heart attack. He preached his farewell sermon at the church Sunday.

According to Mrs. Dave Thrush, correspondent, the Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner, district superintendent, has made arrangements for the pulpit to be filled during November. Aschenbrenner will preach on Nov. 10.

Dr. and Mrs. Dixon were honored Sunday by members of the congregation at a potluck dinner following the morning service, Mrs. Thrush reports.

BIRTHS

Forest Glen Hospital
STRANGE — To Mr. and Mrs. William Strange, Tiller, Oct. 21, a son, William Sidney; weight 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

PIRES — To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pires, Azalea, Oct. 23, a son, John Robert; weight, 8 pounds 4 ounces.

SMITH — To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, Myrtle Creek, Oct. 24, a daughter, Bonnie Jean; weight 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

Now You Know
By United Press International
Primitive cave drawings uncovered recently near a copper mine in Peru have been tested and found to be more than 9,000 years old — the oldest known traces of Peruvian civilization, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine.

MISSSES LOOT

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A burglar picked the Superior Court chambers of Judge Lloyd S. Nix to rifle Tuesday while court was in session.

The thief took \$40 from the judge's wallet, but apparently overlooked a \$100 bill in another part of the billfold.

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MICKEY MANTLE, New York Yankee centerfielder, was designated waterboy for the touch football game between Miss Teenage America contestants from the East and West Tuesday. The game was part of the activities of the contest which ends Friday night with announcement of Miss Teenage America. Mantle is shown giving a pep talk to a group of participants. He will also be a judge in the Miss Teenage America pageant. (UPI Telephoto)

Space Expert Doubts Russia's Withdrawal From Space Race

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A leading space adviser to President Kennedy believes Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's recent space statement was an attempt to slow down the U.S. lunar project, rather than a Soviet withdrawal from the space race.

Dr. Edward C. Welsh said Tuesday that the Russians have a "strong space program and are concentrating on it. There is nothing in this (Khrushchev's remarks) to indicate otherwise and no reason to believe they are slackening."

Welsh is executive secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council which advises President Kennedy on U.S. space programs. In an interview with United Press International he commented on Khrushchev's weekend review of future Soviet space programs.

Encourage U.S. Reduction

Welsh said Khrushchev's comments were an attempt to encourage a reduction in U.S. space efforts so that Russia might maintain any competitive edge it believes it may have. "He would maintain this advantage on the basis of a slowdown on our part rather than a speedup on his."

He added that Khrushchev's remarks were made when Congress was considering the appropriation bill for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Rep. Olin E. Teague, second ranking Democrat on the House Space Committee, said that Khrushchev's remarks ought to be ignored, and that the U.S. space program should not be changed.

Points Out Keys

After a close review of Khrushchev's statement, Welsh said there were two key sentences: "At the present time we are not planning flights of cosmonauts to the moon."

"We do not wish to compete in sending people to the moon without thorough preparation."

To Welsh, the Soviet leader's statement "did not say Russia would not compete with us on going to the moon." What he did say was that Russia would not dispatch men to the moon without careful advance planning, Welsh said.

The Inference He Apparently

wished to leave," Welsh said, "was that the United States may be willing to risk lives by going ahead hastily but that the Russians won't go until they're ready."

NEW TWIST

HULL, England (UPI) — A new refinery opened here today to make a mint-flavored version of cod liver oil.

Senate Might Not Get Civil Rights Bill In Time For Action This Year

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The civil rights bill that President Kennedy wants was on the track today but House passage of the bipartisan measure still was a month or more away.

The Senate may not get to act on the bill until next year. The bill approved, 23-11, by the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday would seek to end racial discrimination in voting, education, employment and private business offering the necessities of life to the public. It also would give broad new powers to the government to combat discrimination.

Kennedy, who took a personal hand in the delicate negotiations which produced the bipartisan bill, said in a statement that the measure "will provide the basis for men of good will in every city in our land to work together to resolve their racial problems within a framework of law and justice."

However, it was unlikely that the President expected the bill—the most sweeping civil rights proposal of the century—to whistle through the House even with leadership backing.

Other racial developments: **Jackson, Miss.**: Testimony

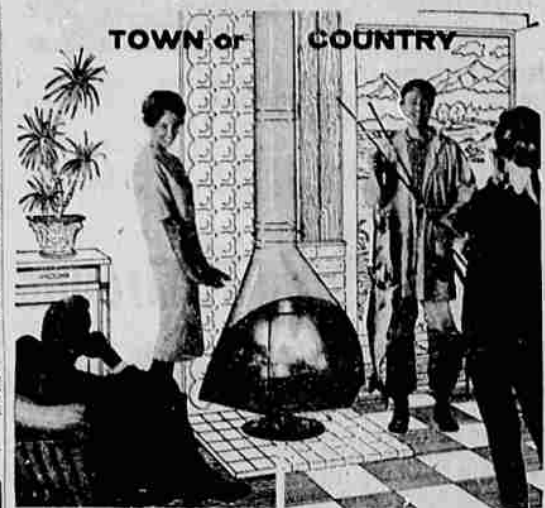
continues in a state court today on a petition by city officials for a permanent injunction against racial demonstrations. Police officials said Tuesday that demonstrations which resulted in the arrest of more than 1,000 Negroes last summer threatened to spark widespread violence in the Mississippi capital.

Omaha, Neb.: More than 2,000 Negroes marched on city hall Tuesday to protest the city council's failure to pass open housing legislation. Police kept the crowd under control.

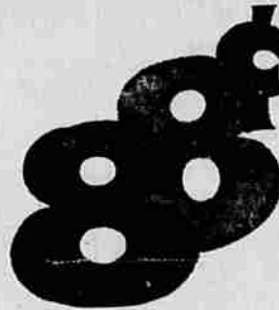
Philadelphia, Pa.: White policeman John Tourigian was

"relieved of duty" Tuesday pending an official investigation into his fatal shooting of a Negro theft suspect. A meeting protesting the slaying led to a riot by several hundred Negroes Monday night.

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