

FISHERMEN ACQUITTED BY JUDGE DAL KING

A directed verdict of acquittal from charges of possession of silver salmon in closed season was ordered by Circuit Judge Dal M. King on the appeals of four out-of-state commercial fishermen from charges filed in Justice Court at Brookings.

The men were arrested by state police on June 11 in Chetco Cove, and a quantity of silver salmon found in their boats was seized.

The boats were allowed to leave after the fishermen posted bail with Justice of Peace Hans Nelson, who accompanied the state police in boarding the boats.

Later at a well attended trial

in the Justice Court the fishermen were fined \$100 each, of which \$70 was suspended, by Judge Nelson.

Judge King acted on a motion for acquittal made by James A. Norman, attorney for defendants Wallace Close, Del Rio, Calif; Fred Hill, Vancouver, Wash; David Krueger, Hayward, Calif; and Frank Myers, Auburn, Wash;

There was no testimony by the defense. Norman in his opening statement, said the boat operators had been fishing on the north side of St. George's reef in California waters where the silver salmon season was open. When a storm arose, he

stated, they sought refuge in Oregon, where the season was not yet open, because it would have been dangerous to have rounded the reef to return to California.

Norman, in making his motion for acquittal after the close of the state's case, declared that the state had not shown any intent on the part of the defendants to violate Oregon laws, that it had not shown the fish were caught by trolling, which was illegal at that time in Oregon or had been caught in waters under Oregon jurisdiction.

Judge King, in granting the acquittal motion, pointed out

that the law was not meant to apply to distressed vessels which put into Oregon waters with no intent to violate Oregon law.

Although not ordered to do so, by the court, state police released the seized fish to the fishermen after the close of the trial.

The four fishermen regarded the case as a test case, and it was watched with interest by fishermen of the entire coast.

S.S. MAN TO VISIT

Carlos L. Hunsinger, manager of the Eureka district office of the Social Security administration, announced today that a representative of that office will maintain office hours at the Brookings City Hall October 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Individuals wishing information about the Federal old-age and survivors insurance program may contact the representative at that time.

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RUSSIANS GET LOOK AT BROOKINGS COAST LINE

The Brookings Chamber of Commerce should be getting a stream of requests for information on the area from Moscow;

A story from Washington D.C. reports that a pictorial story on the rugged beauty of the Oregon Coastline is featured in this month's edition of America Illustrated, a beautiful slick-cover magazine published by the U. S. Information Agency for distribution in Soviet Russia.

USIA says 50,000 copies of the magazine are distributed to newsstands in 80 Russian cities.

The report states that the story has appeared previously in Life magazine. It is illustrated with a half dozen color photographs of the rocky shore, sand dunes, caves and clam diggers.

It seems obvious that the article must have carried the beautiful picture from the rear of the Bill Crissey home, which was so prominently displayed in the Life article.

The article also reports that "The Oregon Coast is a wild and varied fringe of land, in many places as primeval in appearance as when the American Explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first peered through the cold fog and glimpsed the Pacific ocean."

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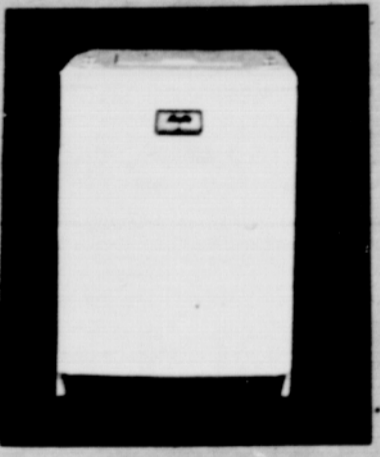
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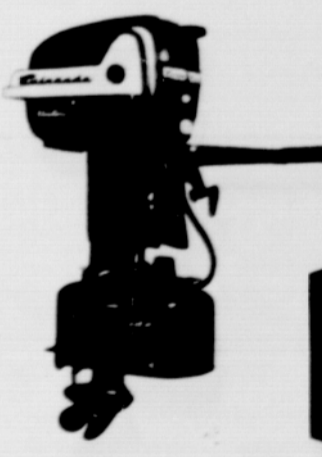


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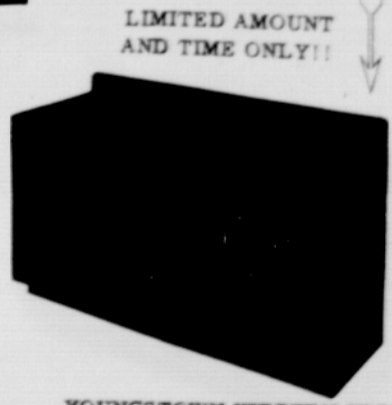
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