

Alaska College Students Find No Bonanza

By Fran Malloy
(Fairbanks Daily News-Miner)
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 30—(AP)—Fairbanks may have been a bonanza town in the days of yore, but somebody sure "pinched the poke" this year.

Nobody knows better than the 750 to 1,000 college students who came to Fairbanks this summer to seek quick funds for next year's tuition.

They are a bit more optimistic now that the carpenters' strike has ended and construction work has begun to boom again. But there were dark days earlier this summer for many who had pooled their resources, bought any kind of jalopy with four wheels and traveled the Alaska highway only to find that the rumormongered "gold-paved streets" in the boomtown of Alaska's interior were fantastic exaggerations.

They came in spite of repeated warnings that work was scarce and that Alaska residents would be given preference. They arrived to find strikes and work stoppages had shoved the short construction season back about 25 per cent.

Some Turned Back

Broke, sometimes hungry, a few became discouraged and turned back, others, more hopeful, or lacking the funds (\$300 per car and \$100 per adult) required by U. S.-Canadian regulations for travelers on the Alcan highway set up "housekeeping" in the car-packed communities that mushroomed in the brush outside the city limits. Some who thought of selling their cars to raise passage home found the used car market had hit rock bottom. They joined the others.

One group of about 15 cars and 50 students, are "at home" on the banks of the Chena river back of the YMCA whose facilities they use showering, laundering and letter-writing when they aren't looking for work.

Several Rutgers students came to Alaska on the suggestion of a classmate who did "all right" last year. They have had a few jobs mowing, lawns, painting the rest rooms of a church, washing windows, putting up long, digging cellars, hilling potatoes and working occasionally on the city garbage truck. They're paid on the average of \$1.50 an hour with an occasional meal thrown in.

Their panel trucks and station wagons are fitted with bunks in which three to five boys sleep like sardines. Seven students who appropriated an adjacent garage are living in comparative luxury.

Slam Pickings

A group from Miami, down to \$18 among the three of them, have one meal a day of wheat cakes, at 40 cents the "cheapest food in town." They can't raise the money to get back, and haven't any jobs.

Labor here struck or walked off jobs in support of demands for \$3 and \$3.50 an hour. The students are willing to work for much less but they can't find any work to do.

City officials are watching the situation with concern. Fairbanks has no facilities for caring for the fundless, and if the boys cannot raise enough money to get back to the states in the fall, there may be a serious problem.

With little recreation provided in the city for free the boys arrange their own entertainment. One of them electrified the town by swimming the 250-foot Chena river.

Swims Cold River

People fall into the Chena river in Fairbanks, are pushed into it on occasion and drunks have been known to roll into its icy waters. But voluntary swimming in the muddy, 8-mile-per-hour current is only for the strong of heart.

A few of Phil Knapp's Rutgers companions bet \$37 he couldn't swim the Chena in two minutes. Others, reaching to the bottom of the sock, amassed another \$30 which said he couldn't do it in a minute and a half.

Knapp, whose home is in Baltimore, peeled down and swam it in 55 seconds. He netted \$57. It cost \$10 to get a toe bandaged after he trod on an underwater bottle.

The group behind the YMCA cook their own meals because they have found food prices in Fairbanks prohibitive for their slender resources. Spaghetti and beans are getting a real workout. Milk at 50 cents a quart is cheaper than 20

Cofferdams Built for New Salem Bridge Piers



Sheet steel piling 50 feet long is being driven into the Willamette river bed to form pier cofferdams for Salem's new bridge. Here a giant crane lifts one of the piling into position where pier number four will be located. It is being driven into place as form for the pier. Excavation for pier number five is about completed and the cofferdam in place, located directly behind the pier site shown. Pier erection work is being done by Lee Hoffman, contractor. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman photographer.)

Manpower Duties Fall to Sec. Tobin

By Max Hall
Associated Press Labor Reporter
WASHINGTON, July 30—(AP)—The labor department today took up the task that was performed in World War II by a war manpower commission.

Secretary Maurice J. Tobin announced that he has ordered the "fullest use" of the U. S. employment service and its affiliated state employment services in meeting the manpower needs of defense plants.

The tone and timing of the announcement seemed to suggest that Tobin has been given a go-ahead as manpower boss of the war effort—for the present at least.

Only the future can reveal whether growing mobilization would bring into being a new manpower commission with a new boss.

Tobin, in his announcement, told employers it's "absolutely essential" for them to refrain from hoarding manpower or pirating workers away from defense production.

He spoke of the "progressive tightening of the labor market under the impact of the president's defense program."

He informed the country that although scattered shortages have appeared in certain skilled occupations, he is confident that severe scarcities can be avoided and that defense employers can be given the manpower they need; that is "if the employment service is given the whole-hearted cooperation of both employers and workers."

He also gave out portions of a new manpower study made by his

cents a class in the restaurants and a loaf of bread for 25 cents is a lot less than 35 cents for three slices of toast. Hamburgers are 60 cents, hot dogs, 40 cents. Beer in the bars is 50 cents and 75 cents.

Arrested Pair Linked to Red A-Spy Ring

By Ed Creagh
NEW YORK, July 30—(AP)—A chemical engineer and a tall, attractive blonde will be arraigned tomorrow on federal conspiracy charges linking them with the Soviet spy ring that stole American atomic secrets.

The pair, Abraham Brothman, 36, and Miriam Moskowitz, 34, were indicted and arrested yesterday after grand jury testimony by Harry Gold, the Philadelphia chemist who has admitted giving the Russians atom data stolen by the British scientist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs.

There was a strong official hint that further arrests can be expected.

"We are working on some matters and this comes in the midst of them," said U. S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol. "We always have a grand jury sitting and we are starting to piece things together."

Claim False Story

Brothman and Miss Moskowitz, a former employee of the war manpower commission, are charged specifically with getting together with Gold and making up a false story for him to tell a federal grand jury in 1947.

In the indictments returned yesterday Brothman is charged with persuading a "intimidating" Gold into giving a false account of their meeting. Miss Moskowitz, longtime associate of Brothman's is accused of giving advice and counsel to the two men when they discussed the testimony Gold would give.

A second charge against Brothman alone is that he attempted to obstruct justice by persuading Gold to lie.

Prison, Fines

Brothman and Miss Moskowitz each could be sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$10,000 if convicted on the conspiracy count. The maximum penalty for the other offense is one year and \$1,000.

FBI agents arrested the pair at the Ulster Chemical Company plant in Cliffwood, N. J. Both are associated with that firm and with the A. Brothman Associates engineering concern in New York. They were brought to New York and held in federal detention cells over Sunday.

Brothman lives in Sunnyside, Queens. He is married and has two children. Miss Moskowitz lives in Manhattan.

Their arrest brought to six the number of American citizens arrested in connection with the Soviet spy ring.

Central Howell—Callers at the Maurice Haynes and Clarence Simmons homes last week were Ethel Simmons and Mildred Cline both of Portland and Mrs. Van Trump of Salem.

The Great Rift Valley extends from northern Syria almost to the southern tip of Africa, enclosing the Red Sea and the lakes of East Africa among other bodies of water.

Sleeping Woman Topples from Open Window

YONKERS, N.Y., July 30—(AP)—A 32-year-old woman plunged to her death today in a six-story fall while trying to beat the heat by sleeping near an open window.

The victim, Mrs. Virginia Nohensky, lived two hours after the fall.

Police quoted her as saying she had been asleep on a mattress placed on a level with an open window.

The first thing she knew, she said, she was toppling over the window ledge.

British Report Secret Far East Diplomatic Moves

LONDON, July 30—(AP)—The weekly labor publication, The People, said today that the Chin-

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Crashing Plane Narrowly Misses Houses in Denver

DENVER, July 30—(AP)—A cargo plane narrowly missed several houses just before dawn today in a spectacular crash near the east Denver city limits. The pilot and copilot—the only passengers in the Flying Tiger lines C-46—escaped with minor injuries.

The craft plummeted to earth in the 1600 block between Verbena and Wabash avenues seconds after taking off from Stapleton airport at 3:30 a. m.

Skillful work by the pilot guided the faltering plane into an alley where it crashed after slashing through several power lines. Two power poles were bowled over and a tool shed was damaged.

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Shulton Toilet Water	\$1.00	SSS Tonic	99c
Golden Chance Cologne	\$1.50	Miles Nervino	83c
April Showers Cologne	\$1.00	Sal Hepatica	31c
Soft Answer Mist Cologne	\$1.50	Amphojel	\$1.39
Beau Belle Cologne	\$1.50	Sedajel	\$1.19
Wisteria & Honey Suckle 2 for	\$1.00	Serutan Lax	89c
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Sheridan Again Rejects District School Budget

Statesman News Service
SHERIDAN — Voters in the Sheridan school district defeated the school budget for the second time, opposing it by a 133 to 107 margin. The total vote was the heaviest in local history for a school election.

A new grain warehouse is being constructed in Sheridan. The \$50,000 structure will have a capacity of 70,000 bushels. It reportedly will start receiving grain about August 15, although it will not be finished then.

Margaret Hampton was installed president of the FL club at ceremonies at the IOOF hall here this week. Other officers are Louise Thompson, vice-president, and Marian Gast, secretary. A progressive dinner party is planned for the August meeting.

right-hand manpower official, Robert C. Goodwin.

Goodwin's report says: "That in plant capacity and workers' skills we are in better shape than in 1940."

That we are worse off in having a smaller pool of unemployed workers and in having undergone population changes that have left us (A) fewer people between 14 and 24 years old; (B) more young women with little children to care for; (C) a larger proportion of people over 55.

Willson Park March on City Band Schedule

The Salem Municipal band will feature a march composed by its base drummer tonight when it presents another of the summer series of concerts at 8 o'clock.

The new selection, "Willson Park March," is named for the site of this season's band concerts.

The composer is Glen Williams, 346 S. 23rd st., who is band director at Florence during the school year. Williams has played with the municipal band here for several summers.

Tonight's concert completes the city-sponsored series, but two more will be presented by the American Federation of Musicians, according to Maurice Brennen, municipal band director.

Brennen said federation funds from recordings and transcriptions would finance the extra concerts.

Tonight's program: South Dakota State College March, King.

Richard III Overture, German. Second Connecticut March, Reeves.

March Slave, Tchaikovsky. Sarafand March, Willcocks.

The Three Trumpeters, Agospini. Hit the Deck Selection, Youmans.

Willson Park March, Glen Williams.

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