

### McKay to Cut Indian Bureau

Portland (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay was quoted by the Oregonian Wednesday as saying he would recommend that area offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

be closed down. The 11 offices throughout the U.S. are "bottle-necks" which result in "unnecessary expense and duplication," the paper quoted him as saying in a telephone interview. McKay said he would make his recommendation to the new Indian commissioner as soon as he is appointed, the Oregonian reported. The post has been vacant since March

### Nothing New About an Old April Fool Prank

Washington (AP)—There's nothing new about an old April Fool. As long ago as the 1600's Thomas Fuller wrote: "The first of April some do say, 'Is set apart for all-fools' day!"

"The first day of April, you may send a fool whither you will." In 1760, "Poor Robin's Almanac" contains these lines: "The first of April some do say, 'Is set apart for all-fools' day!"

"But why the people call it so 'Nor I nor they themselves do know." The latter just about sums it up. Old books and papers on file at the Library of Congress are a little vague as to the origin of April Fools' Day, which is tomorrow. The idea of making a fool out of your friends on the first of April has been going on for thousands of years in different parts of the world.

The Hindus played jokes on one another on March 31, the last of the Holy festival. The conception of April 1 was common in England in the 17th century. The British and Germans apparently borrowed the idea from the French, although nobody seems to know for sure. The French called an April Fool "un poisson D'Avril," which, translated means "An April Fish," the idea being that

an April fish would be at minnow age, and therefore easy to catch. **Red Gave Solon Gift, Cal. Newspaper Says** San Fernando, Calif. (AP)—A man identified as a Communist in testimony before the House Un-American Activities committee gave Rep. Norris Poulson (R-Calif.) a portable refrigerator as a Christmas gift,

according to the San Fernando Valley Times. The newspaper reported yesterday that Joseph W. Aidlin, identified as a Communist by two witnesses in testimony before the congressional group, presented a "Serval Wonder Bar" to Poulson last Dec. 24. For centuries, in the past, no one in Great Britain could own swans without royal permission.



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