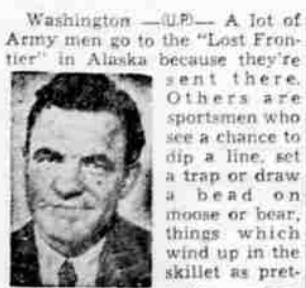


A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington —(U.P.)— A lot of Army men go to the "Lost Frontier" in Alaska because they're sent there. Others are sportsmen who see a chance to dip a line, set a trap or draw a bead on moose or bear, things which wind up in the skillet as pretty fine eating.

Howard has dragged in 50-pound salmon, trout weighing 15 pounds or more and pike which stretch the scales to 30 pounds. He has become such an expert that he makes more money as a "sourdough" fishing guide on off days than he does as a military man.

Sgt. J.C. Claude W. Treece of San Antonio, Tex., says that he and his family have covered 20,000 miles in the far north—finding good fishing and hunting all the way. The prize catch is the Alaskan brown bear, said to be the largest carnivore on earth. Regulations are that G. I. hunters can't go out alone.

These fellows, the bears, weigh in at about 2,000 pounds and grow up to 11 feet. They get more than a little mean when wounded.

The brown bear is a first cousin of the grizzly, and no friend of man. He prowls the areas around the salmon streams near the coasts and among the mountain ranges of Central Alaska.

Black bears range around three-fifths of all Alaska. Polar bears, weighing from 700 to 1600 pounds, are mean creatures, too, and can cut a man to pieces.

There also are deer and caribou. The wandering caribou forever is on the move. He is a rear kin of the reindeer and travels hundreds of miles each year over migratory routes.

Our lads serving in Alaska can get non-resident licenses for hunting the first year. These come \$50 a person, and that takes in hunting (not including the big game) and trapping and fishing.

The second year is only \$10 a person, and it takes in most everything. Fishing, including the big salmon and other fish is only \$2.50 for the first year.

After a person has been in the territory for a year he can run down and get a trapping license for \$30. That includes the capture of mink, which must interest any Army wife with a hankering to look like Mrs. Astor.

One of the best features of the Alaskan wilds is—no snakes.

Most fun, though, according to the men who are stationed there, is the shooting of a moose. This guy weighs up to 1,400 pounds in the winter and the male stands over six feet with his hat rack up.

The boys say it is fine eating.



ALL THE KING'S HORSES—Because of low wires in their path, movers elected to slice this house between the first and second floors in order to move it to a new location in Cincinnati, Ohio. It took them two days to put the house back together again.

Rhee Confident That World Will Unite Against Communism

Tokyo —(U.P.)— South Korean President Syngman Rhee said today he is "optimistic and confident" that the free world will unite against the Communists during the next four years in a battle for survival.

It is for this reason, Rhee said in Seoul in a United Press interview marking his inauguration for a third term, that he had ordered his army to march alone against the Reds in North Korea.

Weapons Made Obsolete
He said also that Communist evasion of the Korean truce has given his enemies in the North "modern weapons that make ours as obsolete as bows and arrows." He added that the question of modernizing South Korea's equipment, despite the armistice, "has been seriously discussed."

"We have not taken any unilateral action because we hoped, and still do, that the free nations will get together in defense of their freedom instead of following the policy of coexistence with the Communists," Rhee said.

"We are optimistic and confident that during the next four years the freedom-loving nations will come to realize that unless they take concerted, united action against the world's Communist aggressors, none of us can survive."

Cannot Cut Forces
The 81-year-old patriot, South Korea's first and so far only president, began his third four-year term in Seoul today.

His written answers to a series of questions also included the following statements:
1. The Republic of Korea cannot reduce its military forces without inviting attack from the North.
2. Korea will need U.S. military and economic aid as long as the threat of Communist aggression exists.
3. Rhee's administration will cooperate with the U.S. president elected this fall, whether he is Republican or Democrat. The Korean chief executive would not say who he hopes will be elected.

Separation for Mentally Ill Urged

Salem —(U.P.)— A separate building for treatment of mentally ill children has been recommended to Gov. Elmo Smith by a special committee appointed by the State Board of Control.

The committee was named some time ago to make specific recommendations on establishment of a facility for mentally ill children.

The committee suggested that the new unit be for 50 to 60 acutely ill patients and that it be administered as part of a present institution. First choice of the group was Fairview home the new state hospital slated for here. Second choice would be construction at Wilsonville.

UAL Said Unaware Of Union Strike Plan

Chicago —(U.P.)— A spokesman said today that United Air Lines has received no official notification of strike proceedings from the International Machinists Union.

The spokesman said UAL management knew of no "strike or any similar action by the union."

The spokesman said a series of negotiations were held "quite some time ago" between management and the union over the issue of contract renewal.

Since then, however, the UAL spokesman said the union had a "cooling off" period as prescribed under the railroad labor act and "apparently stayed cool."

Margaret Truman Not To Visit GOP Meeting

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Margaret Truman vowed today she has no intention of visiting the Cow Palace where the Republicans are preparing for the convention next week.

Miss Truman arrived here Tuesday with her husband, Clifton Daniel of the New York Times. He will represent his paper at the forthcoming convention.

"San Francisco is a beautiful city and this time I'm going to do nothing but enjoy it," Miss Truman said. "I'm not going to sit in an old convention hall when I can explore this city. I've never ridden on a cable car and I'm going to do that, for one thing."

African Sculpture Displayed at Museum

Philadelphia —(U.P.)— Philadelphia's University Museum has installed the largest exhibition of African tribal sculpture ever shown in this city, and reportedly one of the finest shows ever presented in the Western Hemisphere.

Comprising the products of 42 tribes of the art-producing areas of West Africa, the exhibition will remain at the museum until Sept. 16.

On exhibition will be more than 200 pieces borrowed from 19 great museums and 25 private collectors of three continents—Africa, Europe and America.

Tribal art, or art arising out of institutions based on the tribe, is one of the great neglected fields of art history, and this exhibition will not only present works of the great masters of Negro Africa but will afford the rare opportunity for people to assess for themselves the genius of these great masters of woodcarving and bronze-founding.

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