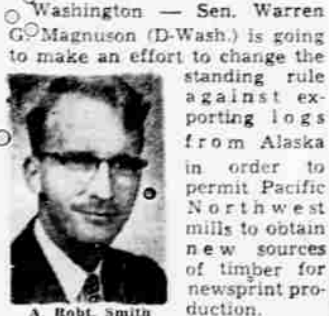


Magnuson Seeks To Change Laws Against Exporting Alaskan Logs

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This is one angle Magnuson intends to pursue when the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, of which he is chairman,

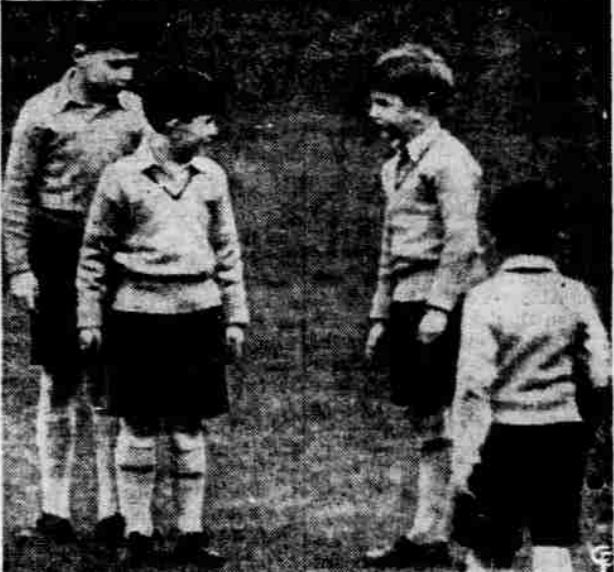
opens hearings on the newsprint shortage Feb. 26.
The senator has been conferring in recent days with executives of newspapers to get their story of why newsprint is in short supply, with prices periodically being raised by producers. He plans to permit them to spell out their story in the hearings.
Afterward, officials of Canadian companies who dominate the newsprint field will be permitted to give their side of it. Stalled by Power Cost
Magnuson said he has been told by newspaper editors that surveys of the possibility of building newsprint plants in Alaska, to take advantage of the territory's vast timber supply,

have stalled over the projected high cost of power in Alaska. This will be explored, too, in the hearings when Alaska's two senators-elect and congressman-elect are given their first opportunity to "represent" Alaska by testifying in the hearing.
If it's true that it isn't economically feasible to produce newsprint in Alaska, then Magnuson wants to bring Alaska logs to mills in the Pacific Northwest.
A newsprint mill at Tacoma, which is owned jointly by a number of Northwest newspapers, is running out of log supply, explained Magnuson, and can't seem to obtain sufficient commitments for adequate logs in the Northwest to keep its pro-

duction up to capacity. Mill officials have surveyed the feasibility of bringing logs in from Alaska, he added, and they believe it would be practical.
Policy Against Exporting
But the government has maintained a strict policy against exporting logs from Alaska on the theory that new industry would come to the territory if the logs

must be processed there into finished products. Magnuson probably won't get this policy reversed without a fight from Alaskans.
Another weapon the senator thinks may be used against Canadian producers, who now have things pretty much their own way through domination of the supply channels, is to encourage establishment of newsprint mills in the South. He said the difficulty is that the capital investment in a new mill, especially for machinery, is almost prohibitive. Old established mills, running their machines around the clock, are turning out the bulk of the newsprint supply, he said.
Magnuson recalled that during the OPA wartime era, he was head of a congressional committee that looked into the tight newsprint supply and got a commitment from Canadian producers that they would not raise prices over OPA ceilings. Not

long afterward, they announced price increases, Magnuson recalled.
Doing Business With Cartel
The problem is, said Magnuson, that American newspapers, most of whom get newsprint from Canada, are forced to do business with what amounts to a cartel. And a Senate committee can't really do a whole lot to alter this basic condition.
It is conceivable, however, that the result of Magnuson's exploration of the problem may be some method of government incentives being offered, possibly through tax laws that can offer quick amortization of new capital investment.
If nothing more, the Magnuson inquiry is expected to focus attention on the inflationary trend in newsprint brought on by the big producers who, many newspaper executives believe, are charging what they think the traffic will bear.



GETTING ACQUAINTED with schoolmates, Prince Charles (left), heir to British throne, meets group on football field after enrolling in Hill School, London. He has been educated by private tutors. (International Soundphoto)

American Fair Exhibit Will Vie With Russia at Belgian Exposition

New York—(U.P.)—The American and Soviet ways of life will battle it out in Belgium next year before a predicted audience of 35 million persons.
The U.S. and Soviet pavilions will be next door at the Brussels World's fair, the first international exposition since the San Francisco World's fair in 1939 and the first in which the U.S. government has participated abroad.
The fair runs from April to October, 1958, with 35 million visitors expected. How to sell them on America is a problem now being tackled by Washington on a high level and 40 of "the best brains in the U.S." These leaders in industry, science and the arts, their names withheld for the moment, are advising the State department how America can best match Russia yet spend less than one-third of the Soviet outpouring.
The United States will spend \$15 million to be appropriated by Congress. The centerpiece will be a 70,000-square foot pavilion and a 1,000-seat circular theater. Next door on one side will be the exhibit of the Vatican, one of the 50 nations represented.

On the other will be the \$50 million Soviet exhibit, a concrete-steel-aluminum pavilion built around a statue of Lenin.
Chance Often Let Slip
Howard S. Cullman, tobacco executive, Broadway play backer and patron of the "performing arts" who was named by President Eisenhower as commissioner-general of the U.S. entry, says:
"America has too often let slip the chance of presenting a large and sweeping picture of America as it really is. America wants not only to put its best foot forward, but to show the world its true face, and not only its face but its heart."
"The Communists have in effect challenged us to compete. 'Competitive coexistence' is their phrase."
Cullman adds, "We have accepted the challenge."
Work To Begin Soon
Work will begin next month on the American pavilion, a two-story building 316 feet across and 95 feet high, the largest building in the world with a free suspension ceiling. A plastic roof resembling a bicycle wheel tops

plastic and gold colored walls. The Great Seal of the United States will hang over the entrance.
Inside visitors will get a picture in films of exhibits of the schools, churches, farms, home, food and living habits which are the real America. U.S. ties to the Europe from which millions emigrated and the new American culture will be emphasized.
There will be one feature with sure fire appeal. Close to each exhibit will be a place to sit down.
Elizabeth Taylor Returns to Hospital
New York—(U.P.)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor was taken off a plane from Mexico on a stretcher last night and rushed to a New York hospital, an anxious Mike Todd at her side.
The actress, who had been honeymooning with Todd in Mexico, suffered a recurrence of the spinal injury that had kept her in the hospital for eight and one-half weeks prior to Jan. 21. She was taken to Harkness Pavilion at Columbia Presbyterian hospital.
Todd, whom she married in Mexico last week, said at the hospital, "Mrs. Todd began to feel some pain in the spinal area" while on a plane trip from Acapulco, Mexico, to Mexico City on Saturday. He said the ride was "quite rough."
"Rather than stop at some Mexican hospital," Todd said, "we continued on here where the doctors would be familiar with her case."
He added that she is resting "quite comfortably."

Couple Confesses Murdering Marine
Prusser, Wash. — (U.P.) — A young couple calmly confessed to Benton county sheriff's deputies last night that they murdered a hitch-hiking marine in Illinois' Clay county last December.
The sheriff's office said Robert Baker, 26, and Trudy Jo Baker, 17, admitted the slaying separately after relatives of the girl, who became suspicious of remarks made by the couple while visiting here, informed authorities.
The girl said she and Baker, an ex-convict, had picked up the marine while driving through Illinois en route to Baker's home in Pennsylvania. She said they had been married in Elko, Nev. after knowing each other three days.
In her signed confession, she said they planned to rob the marine, and while he was asleep, decided the only way to get away with the crime was to murder him.
The marine was shot in the back with a .30-30 rifle and dumped along the roadside, the girl said.
Clay county authorities, informed of the confession, said the details matched their findings in the case.

Helicopter Carrying Bodies of Indians To New Resting Place

The Dalles—(U.P.)—A helicopter is shuttling between a Columbia river island near The Dalles to a point on the Washington shore on a mission that the pilot says is "different from anything we've ever tried before."
The helicopter carries a burden of pine boxes swathed in white and yellow blankets. Inside the boxes are the skeletons of Indians that have rested in peace on rocky Memaloose Island in the Columbia for generations.
Simplifies Relocation
The helicopter was called in to speed up and simplify the relocation of the ancient Indian burial grounds that soon will be flooded by the backwaters from The Dalles dam. An estimated 3000 skeletons have to be moved to a new burial site known to the Indians as Wish-ham on the Washington shore.
The whole operation is being carried out behind a security shield thrown up by the Army Corps of Engineers at the request of Indians who deplored the prospect of curiosity seekers prying into the burial mounds. But Jake Yah-Yo'wan, descendant of an Indian chief, said the remains are being boxed, along with coins, guns, spears and household utensils found with the skeletons. Identification is next to impossible, but Yah-Yo-

wan said at least three chiefs have been identified, the same tribal leaders who signed the peace treaty with the federal government in 1855. They were Chiefs Flakish, Ska-Noo-A and Ka-Loo-As.
Wrapped in Blankets
The pine burial boxes are wrapped in white blankets provided by the Corps of Engineers and then in yellow blankets furnished by the Indians. At Wish-ham the Engineers will mark the grave with a \$1500 monument to the memory of the early Oregonians.
U. S. Population Near 170 Million
Washington—(U.P.)—The population of the United States will hit 170 million a few minutes after 11 a.m. (EST) Friday.
That's a guess, of course. But it's an educated guess and one that probably would prove quite accurate if the government had the facilities to count every American at that precise moment.
In lieu of an accurate counting of noses, the Census Bureau depends on a huge electric clock in the lobby of the Commerce Department Building here which is geared to recent averages and adds one person to the population every 12 seconds.
Shortly after 11 a.m. Friday, the clock will pass the 170 million mark. Dr. Robert W. Burgess, census director, will commemorate the occasion by posing before the clock for photographers.
Every eight seconds a blue light on the clock denotes a birth. Every 21 seconds a purple light denotes a death. Every two minutes a green light heralds the arrival of an immigrant. Every 24 minutes a red light announces the departure of an emigrant.
A separate set of gears flashes a white light every 12 seconds and operates a numbering device to indicate a net increase of one in the population.

Vale Man and Son Found Safe by CAP
Vale, Ore.—(U.P.)—A Vale jeweler and his son, the objects of a two-state Civil Air Patrol search yesterday, were found safe at a ranch.
Bud Wilks and his five-year-old son Bobby, were reported missing Saturday after they took off in a plane for a routine flight over his snow bound ranches.
CAP officials of Oregon and Idaho spotted them yesterday at a ranch 10 miles west of the Owyhee reservoir.
Wilks told the officials that he was flagged down by ranchers and could not take off due to a damaged propeller. CAP officials took his son back to Vale. Wilks stayed to make repairs to his plane.

Fire in Portland Hotel Injures Six

Portland—(U.P.)—Fire in a Front ave. hotel early yesterday resulted in injury to six persons and sent tenants fleeing into the street in their nightclothes.
One of those injured, M. Hiram, 76-year-old janitor, was still hospitalized today. He suffered burns over most of his body.
Firemen said the blaze apparently started from an overheated hotplate in a second floor room.

Cairo—(U.P.)—An Egyptian-chartered Italian tanker started through the Suez canal Saturday despite insistence by United Nations salvage crews that the waterway still is blocked.

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