



HOME AT LAST—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierce of Medford, their son and daughter arrived home Saturday after a two-month international sight-seeing tour. Left to right are Pierce, daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Pierce and son John. Pierce left here in December and spent about three months observing perform-

ance of Tucker Sno-Cats in Antarctica. The vehicles are being used there in preliminary work for International Geophysical Year studies, which will begin in October. Mrs. Pierce, Elizabeth and John met him in New Zealand on March 1.

(Kern Knackstedt Photo)

Sno-Cats Performing Admirably In Antarctica, Pierce States

Tucker Sno-Cats are performing admirably in Antarctica, according to A. C. Pierce of Medford, representative of the Tucker Sno-Cat corporation, who recently spent three months on the ice-covered continent.

The rugged over-snow vehicles are manufactured at the Tucker Sno-Cat corporation plant south of Medford. They have earned international reputations for ability to travel through previously unpassable areas.

Pierce, who left here in December, visited Little America and McMurdo Sound, where preparations are under way for scientific studies in the International Geophysical Year. The IGY program will start in October and continue for two years. Preliminary work is being done in phases the military forces call "Deepfreeze operations".

Sno-Cats were first shipped to Antarctica for use by the Navy in the fall of 1955. This shipment of vehicles was used for general transportation and blazing trails to outlying points where military authorities proposed to build bases. They are also used for hauling cargo and personnel between bases and the "ice barrier", where ships unload cargo.

The last shipment of Sno-Cats left here in the fall of 1956 and will be used by scientists in "unlimited" IGY studies, Pierce said. The vehicles are equipped with sleds and scientific instruments. They will be used in running traverses from Little America, McMurdo Sound, Weddell sea and Byrdland, to other distant points.

The local corporation supplied Sno-Cats to France in December, 1954, and to Britain in August, 1955, for use in Antarctic projects.

Only One Used

Pierce said Tucker Sno-Cats are the only vehicles being used in the present "Deep Freeze No. 2" operation, a credit to the Tucker corporation and to this part of the country. They are considered the only machines capable of traveling on the thick floors of ice and snow on the frigid continent.

Pierce says average summer temperatures in Antarctica range from 10 degrees below zero to 25 degrees above zero. During the winter, temperatures range from 50 to 80 degrees below zero. The Antarctic winter season occurs during our summer.

After completing his observations in Antarctica, Pierce

Loggers Reminded of New Falling Law

Attention of logging operators to the recent change in the snag falling law has been called by Curt Neishem, southwest district warden of the state department of forestry.

Present law requires operators to fall all snags more than 15 feet in height and more than 12 inches in diameter. The old regulation specified falling snags more than 25 feet high and 16 inches in diameter.

Nesheim said the new requirements went into effect on March 12 but that it had come to the attention of forestry officials that some loggers were not aware of the change.

The warden advised operators with questions to call at the district headquarters on Table Rock rd. or to contact one of the forest inspectors.

British Charged With Extracting Energy

Berlin — (U.P.) — East German Communists claimed today that British capitalists use tea as a class war weapon to exploit workers.

The Leipzig Communist party newspaper Volkszeitung reported that a factory owner in the English city of Coventry daily serves free tea to his workers during a recess in which music is played.

"He gives them strong tea and with the highly-concentrated caffeine he whips up the workers' nerves," the newspaper said.

It said this proved how capitalists use all methods to extract from workers their last bit of energy in order to increase production.

Portland Night Club Has Fire in Kitchen

Portland — (U.P.) — Fire broke out in the kitchen of the Desert Room night club Wednesday but quick action by firemen held damage to about \$1500.

boarded a Navy ship. On March 1, he arrived in New Zealand, where he was met by Mrs. Pierce, their 16-year-old daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and 13-year-old son, John.

They spent two months touring New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Ceylon, India, Thailand, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu and San Francisco. On Saturday, April 27, they arrived home—"The best place of all," Pierce commented.

Beck, Duff Part; Appearance Before Committee Slated

Washington — (U.P.) — Teamsters President Dave Beck and his "eminent counsel," former Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.), have split up.

Beck said in a statement issued by his office late Wednesday night that he has disassociated with Duff and his law firm.

The statement also said Beck would appear before the Senate Rackets committee next Wednesday. Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), Wednesday ordered Beck to appear before the group.

McClellan also defied Beck to "blow the lid right off the Senate," as the Teamster leader once promised to do if called for further testimony. Beck has repudiated the statement.

Their Questions Planned

The committee has indicated it wants to question Beck about relations between his union and companies in which he had an interest. The group questioned Beck last month about some \$320,000 which committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said recently Beck "stole" from the union.

Beck cited the Fifth Amendment 117 times during the hearings, often saying he did it upon the advice of his "eminent counsel, Senator Duff."

Duff Never There

Duff—who is associated with the law firm of Davis, Richberg, Tydings, Beebe and Landa — did not accompany Beck to the hearings. Beck was represented in the hearing room by Arthur D. Condon, another member of the firm.

Beck earlier in the day had notified the AFL-CIO he would also appear at a hearing next Monday to answer corruption charges against the Teamsters stemming from the Senate hearings. His date with the senators is two days later.

McClellan said Beck had been notified that the committee has

Marine Cooks' School Dedicated

Santa Rosa, Calif. — (U.P.) — The West Coast shipping industry — convinced that good food is a must for a "happy ship" — today dedicated a unique mountain training center for marine cooks and stewards.

The school, the first such training center in the nation, will turn out highly-trained cooks, bakers, butchers and waiters for the mushrooming Pacific maritime industry.

The \$500,000 school was built with union-management welfare funds and will be financed jointly by West Coast shipowners and the Marine Cooks and Stewards union.

Both groups see in it a significant development in continued peace on once - turbulent West Coast waterfronts.

The school is located on a 400-acre woodland site 50 miles north of San Francisco. It has a lake stocked with trout, swimming and boating facilities, riding paths and hunting reserves.

Ed Turner, head of the Cooks and Stewards Union, who conceived and carried out the plan for the school, said it would help the seaman, the union and the employer.

"A bum cook can really foul up a voyage, and sometimes nearly cause a mutiny on a four-month round - the - world trip," Turner said.

Holmes Names Eugene Man as Representative

Salem — (U.P.) — Dr. Raymond T. Ellickson, head of the University of Oregon's graduate school and physics department, was named today by Gov. Robert D. Holmes to represent the state at a council of state governments, conference on civilian uses of atomic energy to be held in Chicago May 10-11.

received new information "regarding Mr. Beck's activities and the use of the power of the union to further his own financial interests." He said 8 or 10 witnesses would be heard.

Clackamas Transient Labor Probe Asked

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has asked Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen to investigate a Clackamas county situation arising out of the recruitment of Southwest transient laborers for work in Oregon harvests.

The governor's action came in the wake of an investigation by Clackamas county authorities of a labor camp near Boring where 26 of the recruited workers were apparently subsisting on starvation diet while awaiting jobs.

Wednesday the 26 were put out of the camp. They were taken to Portland and given lodgings by the Clackamas County Welfare Department.

County Commissioner Darrell Jones said the county court had been advised that 200 more

workers were en route to the area to work, but that no work was apparently ready for them. He said he understood also that another 1,000 had been recruited in Arizona for the same program.

Northwest 'Oyster King' Dies of Heart Attack

Portland — (U.P.) — Louis C. Wachsmuth, 79, known as the "Oyster King" of the Northwest, died Wednesday from a heart attack.

Wachsmuth was a pioneer oyster grower of Oregon and Washington and operated a seafood restaurant here. He held oyster beds in Puget Sound and Yaquina bay in Oregon.



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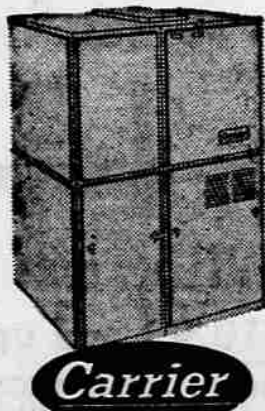
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