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Senate May Pass Bill to Make Alaska State Within 2 Weeks

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Washington—Unless there is a last minute upset of the prevailing political alignment in the Senate, it will pass the Alaska statehood bill within the next week or two—and Old Glory will have 49 stars by year's end.

Following the passage of the Alaska bill by the House by a vote of 208 to 166 just before Memorial Day, Alaskans had the happy experience of their holiday week end being favored with sunbathing weather—85 in Fairbanks, 72 in Anchorage—to help dispel the nagging notion in the States that Alaska is just a land of ice and snow, of little value to the nation.

The sun that shone so brightly that week is still shining figuratively, in Washington. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) has said he plans to bring the Alaska bill up in the Senate within 10 days, maybe this week.

What Counts Most

But what counts for most are two backstage developments which are sure to help shape the outcome. These developments have affected the two partisan groupings within the Senate from which hostility to statehood has come—the hard core of southern Democrats, and a group of very conservative Republicans. The northern Democrats and Eisenhower Republicans are for statehood.

The southern Democrats held their first caucus of the year last Monday to discuss strategy and view on various issues related to civil rights. Statehood is such an issue only because a new state would give two more Senate votes to the northern presumably pro-civil rights group in the Senate.

Given Assurance

Before their caucus, the southern bloc had been given assurances that Hawaii was not in the cards. Their feelings are stronger against Hawaii because as a state it would doubtless elect some colored members of Congress of Oriental extraction. The upshot of the conference was that they plan only taken opposition to Alaska and plan no move to tie the Hawaii bill to Alaska in hopes of killing both of them.

On the Republican side, Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) has been demanding assurances for months from the Democrats that they would bring up Hawaii right after Alaska. Republicans

have traditionally been more favorably disposed toward Hawaii because of its supposed leanings toward the GOP.

The Hawaii bill had been resting in the House Territories subcommittee. So with prodding from the Eisenhower administration, the committee put the Hawaii bill "into motion" toward the House floor by passing it out of subcommittee.

Little Chance

It's conceded by Republicans that there is little or no chance of final action on Hawaii this session, but they don't want anyone to have an excuse in the Senate for claiming the bill is bottled up and, therefore, should be tied to the Alaska bill as an amendment. All hands fear such a combination bill would be defeated as it has been in the past.

Knowland and the Republicans generally now appear agreeable to voting for Alaska by itself. If no complications arise to confuse the

vote, well over half the senators are expected to support admission of Alaska.

Why Alaska should be the leader and Hawaii the follower, just the reverse of past statehood attempts, is hard to explain. Alaska's claim to statehood has greatly improved with adoption of a constitution and discovery of oil.

Claim Slipped

Hawaii's claim appears to have slipped slightly, in the eyes of some conservatives in Congress like Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah), because of charges heard by the Senate Internal Security committee about alleged communist activity in the islands. Hawaii last year elected a delegate to Congress, John Burns, who had support from Harry Bridges and the ILWU, which some claim has hurt Hawaii's chances.

But many believe that if Alaska makes it this year, Hawaii will be close behind in the next session of Congress.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
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Alexandria—The Suez Canal isn't 100 years old, but the Red Sea and the Mediterranean have been linked by canal for the better part of the past 4,000 years.

The hook-up was originally made by a canal built by the Pharaohs to connect the Nile with the Red Sea. And though it was often rendered useless by sandstorms and earthquakes—it was repeatedly restored.

I was reminded of this as an Egyptian naturalist pointed out that though scores of types of fish found in the Red Sea are also found in the Sea of Japan, none of them are reported in the Mediterranean. Conversely, a substantial number of types in the eastern Mediterranean are also known in the Gulf of Guinea, off West Africa, and even in West Indian waters, though not in the Red Sea.

Nonetheless, there are some 40 kinds of fish, including mullets, sardines, eels, skates, sting-rays and torpedoes that are common to both seas.

Since many of these are shallow-water fish that survive equally well in brackish water, some of them could easily have crossed the Suez Isthmus via the ancient canal system. The probability is, however, that the crossing began long before the canals were dug.

According to geologists 50,000 years or so ago a shallow channel, maybe 30 miles in width, separated Egypt from the Sinai peninsula. At that time the Nile discharged most of its water into the channel, some of it going into the Red Sea. As the centuries passed the Nile silted up the channel, moving its mouth steadily northward and to the west along the Mediterranean coast.

Barrier Not Crossed

Thanks to the tremendous quantities of fresh water pouring into the channel, and its shallowness, the rock fish of both seas made no attempt to cross the barrier.

The naturalist discussing this with me was particularly interested in the gray mullet which he cited as one of the leading examples of the fish that was originally common to both the Red Sea and Mediterranean.

The gray mullet, with a greenish back and rather silvery sides, reaches a top weight of 15 pounds. He is an excellent food fish, and in Egypt is found not only in salt and brackish water but even in fresh, although he never penetrates very far up the river system from the coast.

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Cave Junction Chief Of Police Resigns

Cave Junction—The city council last week accepted the resignation will be effective the end of June.

Phil Kellar, who was chief of police here for two years and retired in 1956, will be acting chief temporarily until the post can be filled.

Turpin came to Cave Junction

in April, 1957, from Grants Pass. He is leaving for San Rafael, Calif., to accept employment with a construction unit.

Garcia En Route To U.S. Capitol

Honolulu—(UPI)—President Carlos P. Garcia of the Republic of the Philippines arrived in Honolulu Sunday en route to Washington on what he termed a "mission of vital importance."

It was reported that he plans to negotiate a \$300 million loan for his nation while in the United States.

He arrived at Hickam Air Force base aboard a chartered Pan American airliner and will continue his trip aboard President Eisenhower's personal plane, the Columbine.

Garcia told the crowd gathered to greet him that he is "in high hopes that the great, generous and understanding American people will not fail us, as they have never failed us before."

Boy Scout Found After 15 Hours

Salem—(UPI)—A Boy Scout who disappeared on a camping trip in the Cascades about 65 miles east of here was found unharmed early on Sunday by the Norman Wilson bloodhounds of Dallas, Ore.

Albert Donovan, 16, Salem, was with a group of scouts from Salem Explorer Post No. 106 who were camping at Camp Pioneer near Highway 222. The scouts told police they last saw Albert about one mile from the camp at Temple Lake Saturday afternoon.

The bloodhounds were called in and tracked the boy down about 4 a.m. Sunday. He had been lost about 15 hours and was tired and hungry, but unharmed, officers said.

The boy told a scout officer the trail he took to get back to the camp led away from the camp.

Accused Killer on FBI 'Wanted' List

Washington—(UPI)—An accused killer whose troubles with the law began at the age of 13 was placed on the FBI's list of "ten most wanted fugitives" today.

He is Angelo Luigi Pero, pudgy, 53-year-old ex-convict who once raised pigeons as a hobby and prefers conservative business suit to more colorful hoodlum garb.

Pero and a friend already on the "most wanted" list are charged with murdering a 17-year-old Brooklyn, N.Y., youth in gangland style last March.

The youth, Alexander Menditto, died nine days after five bullets were pumped into him on a New York City street.

Operating Engineers Authorize Strike

Portland—(UPI)—Members of the International Union of Operating Engineers have authorized the union to order a strike if negotiations with the Associated General Contractors fail, a union spokesman said today.

Dick Cleveland, secretary of the union's Portland local 701 said the union Sunday rejected a three-year package offer from the employer group but that negotiations would continue here Tuesday.

Union members voted 1069 to 69 in favor of a strike authorization. The union has 5,550 members in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The union and AGC have been negotiating since October. The previous contract expired last January.

\$4,137 Found Inside Shirt of Pensioner

Noonday, Tex.—(UPI)—Smith county officers found \$4,137 in old bills sewed inside the shirt of Wil Swancy, 78-year-old Negro old-age pensioner killed Saturday night when struck by an automobile.

Officers said the money was wadded up in a cloth pouch sewed into the shirt. Many of the bills were discolored and some of them dated back to a 1934 series.

Relatives said the old farmer didn't believe in banks and had been carrying the money with him for years. He lived in a shack and never allowed himself any luxuries.

Highway patrolman James H. Hinsley said Swancy apparently walked out in front of an automobile driven by William W. Wilson of Plainview. The impact threw him nearly 75 feet.

TREASURY REPORT

Washington—(UPI)—The Treasury issued a final report on its recent \$9,550,000,000 financing. It said holders of three maturing issues exchanged all but \$356 million worth of their securities for the new Treasury issues offered. Subscriptions for a new 2½ per cent bond totaled \$7,384,371,500. The balance of the rollover, \$1,815,261,000, went into a 1¼ per cent certificate.



LYING IN BED at Chicago hospital, Mrs. Mae Winsberg, 58, whose heart stopped beating at least 20 times during two-day period, hears explanation from Dr. David Berkson of how electronic machine saved her life by shocking heart into renewed pumping after each stop. (UPI Telephoto)

What Is The Law?

This column is prepared as a public service by the College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, to explain basic legal principles, not to provide legal advice. The reader is cautioned not to apply these cases to his own problems without an attorney's advice, for differing facts may change the outcome.

Who Loses When a Forger or an Imposter Profits?

Jim Shadyman paid for a tailor-made suit by forging Joe Doakes' signature to a sizeable check. The tailor in turn obtained payment from Cityville bank. Following discovery of the forgery, who must take the loss for the amount of the check: Joe Doakes, the Cityville bank or the tailor?

Because the law requires the bank to know the signatures of its depositors, the bank cannot charge Joe's account. Joe did not direct the bank to pay the tailor; therefore the bank wrongfully paid the check. The most clever forgeries do not cancel the bank's responsibility to honor only valid signatures, and the bank must take the loss even though it was not negligent in ascertaining the forgery.

Suppose, however, that Jim Shadyman becomes an imposter of a different kind by convincing a businessman in a nearby community that his name is Bonaparte and that he owns a tract of land in Cityville. The businessman checks the records to confirm that the specified land is owned by one Bonaparte before accepting a mortgage on the land from Jim, alias "Bonaparte," as security for a \$3,000 loan. Jim promptly endorses the name "Bonaparte" on the \$3,000 check given him by the businessman, receives payment from the Community bank and flees with the money. When the facts of the transaction be-

come clear, who loses the \$3,000?

Forgery Not Involved

This time the bank is free of responsibility because forgery is not involved. The businessman thought he was making the check payable to a responsible party named Bonaparte, and, in so doing, he directed the bank to pay the \$3,000 to the check payee. The law therefore regards him as having made the check payable to the physical person under the name of Bonaparte, with whom he dealt.

Jim assumed the title of "Bonaparte" by virtue of the businessman's intention; his endorsement as Bonaparte transferred that title.

The businessman should have checked more closely into Shadyman because he is responsible for the commitment he chose to make. His only remedy is against the imposter.

Trucker's Body Taken From River

Eugene—(UPI)—The body of a Salem truck driver whose truck plunged into the McKenzie river June 5 near here was recovered by Lane county sheriff's deputies Sunday night near the Coburg bridge, about five miles downstream from the scene of the accident.

The victim was identified as Eldon C. Reynolds, 30, Salem, a truck driver for Harbert Brothers Construction Company of Estacada.

FHA Studies Proposal To Give Choice on Premium Payments

Washington—(UPI)—The Federal Housing Administration is studying a proposal to give future home buyers with FHA-insured mortgages a choice of how to pay the insurance premium.

Home buyers now include in their monthly payments a one-half of one per cent charge figured annually on the unpaid balance of a mortgage. Under the proposed change the buyer would be given the option of paying the entire premium when the home loan is made—probably at between 5 and 6 per cent of the principal amount.

The plan was suggested to FHA Commissioner Norman P. Mason at a closed-door meeting with an advisory committee of bankers, life insurance representatives and other lenders.

To Be Studied

Members of the committee doubted that a lump sum payment would mean any savings for home buyers. Mason said he would study the matter.

Meantime FHA officials threw cold water on another proposal that FHA reduce its insurance premium to a single, one-half of one per cent charge on the principal amount of the mortgage. That plan was advanced by build-er William Levitt—of the Levittowns in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He said it would mean lower monthly payments.

One FHA official said Levitt's suggestion was "completely preposterous." He said it took no account of the agency's need for protection against default on more than \$21 billion of mortgage insurance now in force. Levitt contended that the FHA's \$600 million reserve was more than ample protection.

Only Congress Could Reduce In any case, the FHA official said, a reduction in the premium would require con-

gressional action, not very likely this late in the year. The law authorizes the present FHA premium payment arrangement at not less than one-half point rate and not more than one per cent.

Levitt also said that with home building important to many sectors of the economy, part of the insurance premium should be paid by the treasury out of general tax revenues. Mason's advisory committee disagreed, holding that FHA should be completely self-supporting, as it now is. The premium payments also cover FHA operating expenses.

Mason accepted a committee recommendation that FHA review the actuarial assumptions on which the premium is based to see if they are not unduly pessimistic.

FHA officials pointed out that the agency pays insured mortgagors a dividend covering the difference between

their premium payments and actual FHA expenses. In 1957 the agency paid dividends of \$8 million.

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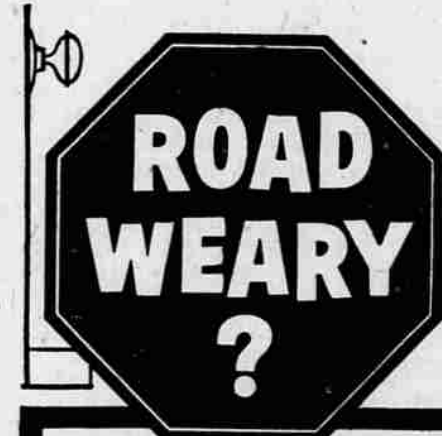
Rome—(UPI)—Professor Balbino Guigliano, minister of education in the days of the Italian Fascist regime, died on Saturday here at the age of 79. He was a close friend of Benito Mussolini.

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