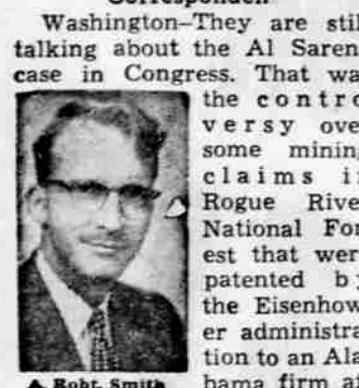


Al Sarena Case Still Subject Of Discussion on Capital Hill

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Washington—They are still talking about the Al Sarena case in Congress. That was the controversy over some mining claims in Rogue River National Forest that were patented by the Eisenhower administration to an Alameda firm after government experts said there was no mineral value on the property.

Rep. Mike Kerwin (D-Ohio) raised the issue during recent hearings on the Interior Department appropriation bill. Questioning Edward Woolley, director of the Bureau of Land Management, Kerwin asked:

"Did they ever discover those minerals that we gave Al Sarena with all that timber?"

Woolley—I think the minerals were discovered, but whether or not they are operating is a question. Gold prices are not too conducive to mining, and they have not been since 1934, as you know.

Reminds of Story
Kirwin—They are not mining. This reminds me of a story Bob Burns, the comed-

dian, once told about his uncle. It took him three years to chisel a huge boulder out of the mountain overlooking Van Buren. He finally chiseled it away and the boulder rolled down the mountainside and destroyed every building in its path. They followed the boulder and when they got up to it to examine it carefully, his uncle said: "Just as I thought, no moss."

Kirwin—The same seems to be true of that mineral lease given to Al Sarena. After he removed thousands of dollars worth of timber, he found no (more) minerals.

Woolley—The timber is on a national forest.

Kirwin—I am glad you mentioned that. It was, but, of course, it is now private land, thanks to the approval of the mineral claim given by the Interior Department.

Uncertainty About Stars
There is still uncertainty about how many stars will appear in the American flag after the Fourth of July.

WRONG CHARGE
Newark, N.J. — (UPI) — Clarence Jones and Eugene Smith were cleared of charges temporarily Tuesday when each told Essex County Judge Walter Conklin: "I didn't receive stolen goods, your honor. I stole them."

The new complaint calls it larceny.

JACKSONVILLE Library Open House Set

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville — The public has been invited to attend open house at the Jacksonville library Friday, April 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. The invitation was extended this week by committee members Mrs. A. A. Griffin, Mrs. Don Wendt, Mrs. C. L. McBeth and Librarian Mrs. Helen Roberts, as well as library board members.

Long's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Castro of Sacramento. The baby has been named Thomas Allen. Mrs. Castro is the former Connie Frohs.

Mrs. Velma Long expressed thanks this week to her friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness in sending her cards and flowers during her recent illness and hospitalization.

The fifth and sixth grades of the Jacksonville school and their teachers, Fred Buehling and Dealoux Cox, accompanied by Jacksonville librarian Mrs. Helen Roberts, visited the junior department of the Medford library last week. They were instructed in the fundamentals of library procedure by Miss Keyser of the library staff.

John Dawson, of Edmonton, Canada, spent a four-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville F. Dawson, this week. Other guests at the home of the Orville Dawsons were Mrs. Dawson's sister-in-law and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carson of Crescent City, Calif.

Mrs. Pearl Kitchen, accompanied by her brother, Ernest Jensen, of Woodland, Calif., took a trip last week to Montecano, Wash., where they visited a sister, Mrs. H. M. Channing and family and other relatives.

Recent guests at the home of Mrs. Kitchen were her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Max Kitchen of Myrtle Creek and Wallace Derby of Mollala, Ore., a nephew of Mrs. Kitchen.

Mrs. Mancel Milam returned this week from a two-week's stay in San Diego, where she assisted her daughter, Mrs. Frank Apostolo, with her new baby born March 25. The baby has been named Anthony Alexander. Apostolo is stationed at the San Diego Naval base. Mrs. Milam was accompanied on the trip by her son, Kenneth. Mrs. Apostolo is the former Mildred Milam.

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As of now the only thing official is that President Eisenhower has decreed (back on Jan. 3) that the 49-star flag shall become official on July 4, to cover the admission of Alaska as the 49th state.

But since then Hawaii has gone most of the way to becoming a state. She still must hold her elections, part of which involves a referendum on the question of whether Hawaiians want to join the Union. After the elections have been certified, the president can issue a proclamation admitting Hawaii.

The law says the number of stars in the flag is to change on the Fourth of July following the admission of a new state. That means, as of now, the 50th star would be added to the flag officially on July 4, 1960.

Procedure Short-Cut
Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) has put in a bill to short-cut these procedures for Hawaii, so that after the primary election she can be certified for inclusion in the flag that becomes official this July 4.

Alaskan senators protested this, however, because they think Alaska should have its hour of glory for a year before the 50-star flag takes over.

Now it looks like Jackson's plan is down the drain because the primary in Hawaii is expected to come on June 27, which would be too late to handle all the red tape before July 4.

But a New York congressman, Alfred Santangelo, has put in a new bill to make it 50 stars this year regardless of when Hawaii comes in. Alaskans are protesting this one as vigorously as the other.

Moral: Wait a few weeks more before buying that new flag.

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower is expected to veto a bill to strip Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson of his authority over Rural Electrification Administration loans.

By a vote of 254 to 131, the House Wednesday sent the controversial Senate-approved measure to the White House despite Republican warnings that it was sure to provoke Eisenhower's disapproval.

The margin of House approval, plus the 60-27 vote by which the bill cleared the Senate last week, raised the possibility that Congress for the first time could muster sufficient votes to override a veto should it come.

London — (UPI) — Six Russian visitors took in a capitalistic attraction Wednesday — the London Stock Exchange.

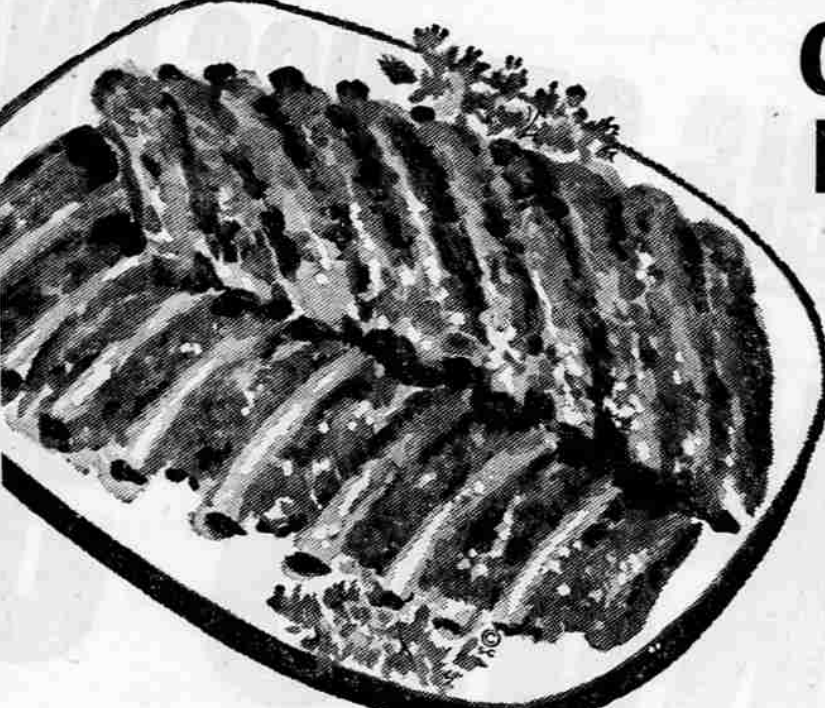
Brokers guided the Russians, here to inspect British industry, through the exchange and explained the selling and buying.

But the only real interest the Soviet citizens expressed was when broker Ted Bailleu mentioned that pre-Bolshevik Revolution Russian bonds still were bought and sold on the exchange.

Russian Zoja Moursaneva politely inquired if the Zarist bonds were really bought and paid for in real money. Bailleu said yes.

The Russians looked at each other and smiled.

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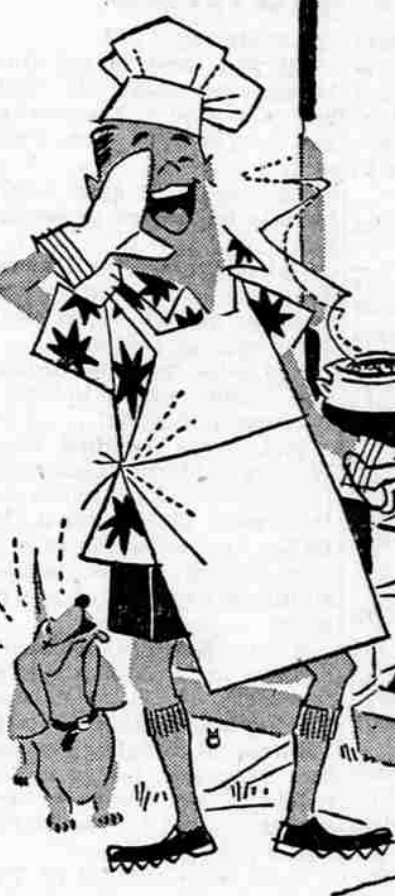
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