



SAILORS AT SEA - The four female crew members of the ketch Neophyte pull in a supply of ice cream and cookies from the Navy amphibious force flagship Estes which came alongside the 45-foot vessel some 900 miles northeast of Honolulu. Bound for the islands, the ship is skippered

by steepjack Lee Quinn of Los Gatos, Calif. From left, his crew is Carol Hope, 20, Berkely, Calif.; Jackie Miller, 24, East Patterson, N. J.; Giselle Meyer, 22, Sausalito, Calif.; and Susan Bird, 20, Oakland, Calif. (UPI)

Japanese Fishing Decision Supported

Washington - (UPI) - Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall today supported the decision by the U. S. section of the International North Pacific Fisheries commission to allow Japan to join the United States and Canada in halibut fishing in the Bering Sea.

Udall, in a letter to Alaska Gov. William A. Egan, said the decision would only open the eastern section of the Bering Sea to Japan, leaving 90 per cent of the halibut fishery to U. S. and Canadian fishermen.

Egan had written Udall Dec. 21 protesting the decision. Udall's reply, made public today, said that under the 1952 treaty there was no alternative to opening the eastern Bering Sea to the Japanese. He said the United States and Canada had been unable to prove that the fishery was being fully utilized.

BLOCKING BACKS

Bedford, England - (UPI) - Six members of a female shoplifting gang were sentenced to jail terms Wednesday ranging from three months to a year. Police testified one woman would take an item and the other five shielded her from detection.

Your Money's Worth

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\$25,000 CEILING ON DEPOSIT INSURANCE

If the administration's plans are approved by Congress, the ceiling on government insurance of the deposits of most of us in our nation's banks and savings associations will be hiked from \$10,000 to \$25,000 this year.

Both the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures 98 per cent of the deposits we have in banks, and the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp., which insures about 95 per cent of the assets in all savings & loan associations, are backing the boost. The Budget Bureau is now studying the move and widespread Congressional support for it is indicated.

Why a hike in the insurance limit to \$25,000 when few of us have anywhere near the \$10,000 maximum in a savings nestegg?

First, say supporters of the increase, the \$10,000 ceiling voted back in 1950 is distinctly outmoded now. In the words of Joseph P. McMurray, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which supervises the savings & loan associations, "With the increase in the savings in the average family income and the amount of savings, certainly a 1951 insurance ceiling of \$10,000 does not fit a 1963 or 1973 economy."

Second, they argue that the higher maximum would permit savers who do have big nesteggs and who, to get under the ceiling, now split their deposits among several separate accounts or among several institutions to consolidate their funds. This would be a convenience to the savers and simplify the bookkeeping of the institutions.

Third, they forecast that the higher limit will attract additional savings, particularly from investing institutions and small medium sized business firms. After the last increase in the limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in 1950, savings in both banks and savings associations increased sharply. Savings associations would welcome more funds which they place in profitable mortgages.

Fourth, both insuring agencies emphasize that the higher ceiling would not add to insurance costs or force a rise in insurance fees now charged member institutions. The FDIC's annual assessment of 1/12th of 1 per cent on deposits has boosted its insurance kitty to \$2.3 billion. The FSLIC's charge of 1/12th of 1 per cent on the total dollar amount of insured accounts and borrowed money has created a kitty of \$658 million. Both are more than ample.

The odds are that when a bill is introduced, Congress will pass it. Opposition is minor, comes from some banks which fear the higher limit will give rival savings associations a competitive advantage and from a few who see this as another government move into private enterprise. "A bank ought to have the right to fail," grumbles one die-hard. Most institutions, though, are firmly behind the hike.

This spring will mark the 30th anniversary of the dread "Bank Holiday" of 1933—when President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the banks of the nation shut down after a wave of catastrophic bank failures had wiped out the savings of hundreds of thousands and caused panic across the land.

The aftermath of that "Holiday" was the first legislation in our history to insure deposits in banks and savings association. The initial insurance limit in January 1934, was \$2,500. It was raised to \$5,000 six months later, to \$10,000 in 1950, is now heading up again.

What have been the results? From 1934 to 1962, the FDIC paid out \$359.6 million to protect 1,480,000 depositors in 445 failing banks. In the same period, the FSLIC bailed out 41 savings associations, representing total cumulative net losses of \$8,345,412, only 1.5 per cent of the FSLIC's gross income.

As far as savings associations are concerned, though, while membership in the FSLIC is compulsory for federally-chartered institutions, state-chartered institutions need not belong, hundreds of them are not insured and there have been some scandalous failures among these (most notably in Maryland) in recent years. Another argument for the higher ceiling is that it may induce the non-insured to seek coverage if the new limit gives insured associations a competitive edge.

Deposit insurance ranks as one of the great achievements of the early New Deal. It has been a spectacularly success-program, has made a repetition of the 1933 holocaust an impossibility. Now, when and as the ceiling goes up again, it will strengthen confidence in our country's financial structure even more.

Grange News

Upper Applegate Grange
Upper Applegate Grange met recently with guests Mrs. Bruce Moffatt, master of Roxy Ann Grange, James E. Cornutt, master of Central Point Grange, and Harold Van Hoy, master of Live Oak Grange, present.

Twenty-six candidates were initiated in the first and second degrees by the Central Point Grange drill team. They were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vail, May Lillian Korner, and Leigh Blew, Central Point Grange; Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Barton, Live Oak Grange; Ralph Etell, Roxy Ann Grange; Mr. and Mrs. George Norfield, Sams Valley Grange; and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barker, the Misses Mary Ann and Madge Barker and Catherine Larson, Lo is Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fogelquist and Miss Judy Fogelquist, Mrs. Glen Travis and Clyde, William and Boyd Travis, Mr. and M-t. Earl Hart, Robert Scott and Fritz Ramsay, all Upper Applegate Grange.

Members of the degree team were introduced by drill master Dee Hendrickson. They are mesdames Arnold Bohnert, overseer; Fred Smith, steward; Chester Wendt and Dee Hendrickson, assistant stewards; Cecil Keeman, lecturer; Charles Moreman, chaplain; Marshall Wiedhouse, ceres; Lester Gordon, Pomona; and Dorothy Straus, Flora; Bernice Jantzen, gatekeeper; Jean Kirkham, secretary; O. T. Wilson, treasurer, and Ed Lull, Walter Brown and Walter Ricks, executive committee.

Mrs. James Cornutt was pianist and duets were sung by Mesdames Fred Quest and Melvin Hall. There were 38 members and candidates from Central Point Grange present.

The tableaux were arranged by Mrs. Curtis Gearhart assisted by a committee of HEC members. Those appearing in the tableaux were Mrs. Gearhart, Mrs. Gerald Buck, Mrs. John Byrne, Mrs. Hester Knutsen and Curtis Gearhart, all of Upper Applegate Grange.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred by the Roxy Ann drill team at

Upper Applegate Grange Jan. 25. All Granges have been invited to attend and bring candidates.

Live Oak Grange

Live Oak Grange of Rogue River met Jan. 10 with 35 members, including all the new officers present.

Master Harold Van Hoy presided.

New committeemen were appointed as follows: legislative, Lloyd Beebe; roads, Frank Hall; agriculture, Ray Franz; publicity, Luzeille Benefiel; ways and means, W. Trickey; HEC, Cassie Golding, and business and insurance agent, Ray Franz.

The quarterly report was read as was the report of the HEC.

The new lecturer, Irene Cassidy, presented a candle lighting ceremony of dedication for the new year. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Edith Osborne and Cassie Golding.

News About Servicemen

COMPLETES TRAINING

James L. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle W. Collins, 625 Pennsylvania ave., recently finished recruit training at the U.S. Coast Guard base, Alameda, Calif., and served for a short time aboard the USCG Cutter Gresham. At present, Seaman Collins is attending radio school at the Coast Guard base in Groton, Conn. He is a graduate of Medford High school.

TWO ENLIST

The Ashland units of the Oregon National Guard have announced the enlistment of two new members.

They are Michael W. Hicks, son of Mrs. Martha Hicks, 115 California st., Ashland; and Charles F. Flagg, son of Louise M. Clark, route 1, box 507, Talent.

Both will be in Operations and Intelligence section. Pvt. Flagg is expected to leave for his six months active duty this month. Pvt. Hicks will leave after high school graduation in June.

Korth Graduates at Top of New Class

James W. Korth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Korth, Pioneer rd., Talent, was honor graduate of the first class to be graduated by the Oregon Air National Guard's new Radar Interceptor Officers school in Portland.

The school, the only one of its kind in the nation, graduated eight officers on completion of a 15-week training course.

Brig. Gen. I. G. Brown, chief of the air division of the National Guard bureau, gave the graduation address and presented Lieutenant Korth a silver trophy.

The school trains qualified

pilots to perform duties of radar observers in the two-seated F89J fighter interceptor aircraft. All members of the first graduating class are second lieutenants.

Kennedy's Budget Biggest in History

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy's new budget is the biggest in U.S. history.

It's so big that if all the nearly \$100 billion he seeks were stacked in \$1 bills, the pile would reach 6,300 miles into space - which is where he wants to spend much of it.



AT PARTY-Cheryl Crane, daughter of actress Lana Turner and restaurateur Steve Crane, is pictured with her father, standing, and her date, actor John Carlyle, at a party in Beverly Hills, Calif. (UPI)

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