



GOVERNMENT SLOW-Alaska has continued to grow since becoming a state in 1958. But it took a few years to get the bugs out of the new state government machinery, and statehood's full flowering is not expected for several years. (UPI)

Alaska Enjoys Steady Growth Following Admission to Union

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Anchorage, Alaska - (UPI) - The 49th star in the United States flag stands for the largest, emptiest and - its residents believe - the most promising state in the union. Since its admission to the union in 1958, Alaska has grown with the ferocity of a polar bear and the determination of the moose that populate vast stretches of the 586,400-square mile state.

Statehood's full flowering, economically speaking, is not expected for several more years. But in its first four years as a full-fledged state, Alaska's gross business volume has increased 65 per cent. It has been a steady gain, not the financial boom many Alaskans thought would come with statehood.

In a state one-fifth the size of the continental United States the population is still less than half that of the city of Seattle, Wash. But individualism is the key to the state's progress since statehood. It also explains why Alaskans bristle at outsiders' criticism of the state's hardships.

Expansion Sought

There are still a few persons who would return to territorial status, given a choice. But for the vast majority, the cry is one of impatience for growth and expansion.

Four years as a young state have been progressive and the outlook is for continued growth. The state's first governor, Democrat William A. Egan, was returned to a second term in office in the last general election. So was the original Democratic congressional delegation made up of Sens. Ernest Gruening, a former territorial governor, E. L. Bartlett, and Rep. Ralph J. Rivers.

Since its conception, the state government has labored to correct what it considered the injustices of a loose and unconcerned federal administration.

With the end of federal territorial administration, Alaska had only a skeleton from which to establish a state government. A whole new level of government was created and, like all new machinery, it took a while to get the bugs out. But for the most part, they're now gone.

Gas Industry

Oil and gas development is rapidly becoming one of the strongest areas of the Alaskan economy. This year, the state's first oil refinery is due for completion by the Standard Oil Co. of California.

But gold mines, once the boon of the territorial days, are no longer the highly profitable operations that made millionaires overnight. Because of its fixed price, gold has lost its glitter. Regardless, minerals are abundant in Alaska and will be developed in time.

Gov. Egan, a native-born Alaskan, is quick to point out that the future bodes well for his big, roomy state.

"Alaska represents the last frontier of the original American determination to carve a country, a town, a home, and a job out of a gigantic wilderness. It is being done, and statehood accelerated the progress," according to Egan. Still, many non-Alaskans fail to realize the problems caused by the state's separation from the other contiguous states. Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, is a three-hour jet flight from Seattle. It's four days over land and a week by boat between the two cities.

A telephone call from Anchorage to Seattle costs \$6.73 for the first three minutes.

Distance and transportation costs also affect other prices.

A quart of milk in Anchorage costs 43 cents, a loaf of bread between 39 and 43 cents. Regular gasoline sells for 56 cents a gallon. Prices are higher in some more remote areas but lower in some closer to the sources of supply.

Wages are higher, accordingly, and servicemen receive hazardous duty pay for their assignment to Alaska.

The federal government is still the largest employer in the state, primarily because of the military personnel assigned to maintain the northern rim of the nation's defenses.

Seasonal Woes

A number of occupations, such as fishing, mining and construction, are highly seasonal. But technological advances have helped stabilize some industries that were once tightly limited by cold, winter weather. Improvements in construction techniques and equipment, for example, allow more construction to proceed on an annual basis, particularly in populated areas.

Still, winter weather and related factors have boosted overall state unemployment for one week in January this year to 16 per cent.

The 1960 census showed a 75 per cent increase in population in 10 years, second only to Nevada with 78 per cent and nearly three times the growth of her young sister state, Hawaii.

The people who come to Alaska are a strange breed

of restless, energetic, determined and bold individuals not afraid of pioneering. They are proud of their new state, its statehood and the promise of accomplishment the Alaska wilderness holds for all comers.

Need Said Urgent For Lumber Quota

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Walt Horan (R-Wash.) said Wednesday it is "more urgent than ever" for President Kennedy to declare a quota slashing Canadian softwood lumber sales in the United States by 60 per cent.

Horan inserted in the Congressional Record a U.S. Commerce Department report predicting that U.S. softwood prices might decline because of last October's West Coast storm. The report said the blown-down timber had to be salvaged and that this probably would result in an over-supply of lumber.

"This fact makes it more urgent than ever that the President take immediate action to impose an immediate quota," Horan said.

Measures have been introduced in both the house and the senate calling on Kennedy to limit softwood lumber imports to 6 per cent of U.S. consumption.

YOUNG GOP TO MEET

Salem - (UPI) - The Young Republican College League will hold its annual convention April 19-20 at the Park Hotel, Portland, Ore. Chairman Clifford Cook has announced.

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WICKEDNESS IMPRESSED - Workmen clean up debris left by a speeding auto which was deliberately crashed into a crowded trailer park at Mt. Clemens, Mich. The car had already been removed when picture was made. Police said Jacob Rubrich, 39, deliberately rammed his speeding car into the crowded trailer park to impress upon its residents the wickedness of not going to church on Sundays. (UPI)

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DEFENDING THE GUILTY

From the time a young man enters law school until the time years later when he retires from practice one of the most frequent questions he will be asked is "How can you defend a guilty man?"

The answer lies in the Constitution of the United States and in the oath which an attorney takes on being admitted to the bar.

In the first place, a person is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty. Now ask yourself: How can the average person who knows little of the law and court procedure defend himself against an accusation and bear out this presumption? The answer is that he can't. For this reason the Constitution gives every person ac-

available favorable to the defendant.

In neither case should the attorney be identified with the person or cause he is defending.

Don't be misled by movies or television scripts into thinking that defense attorneys do or should use trickery and trumped up evidence to free a guilty defendant.

In his oath as an attorney, the defense counsel has promised that he will "employ... such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury..."

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