

# "Floating Cannery" To Head Into Bering Sea In Search Of Fishing Grounds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The fish and wildlife service disclosed plans today to dip into one of the greatest remaining untapped reservoirs of seafood, the Bering sea.

If the experiment north of the Aleutians next spring and summer is successful, U. S. private enterprise may move on into the central Pacific.

The core of the experiment, and the center of close observa-

## Morse Asks DP Distribution

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) has proposed that European displaced persons be distributed among various nations with the United States taking its proportionate share.

Morse said in a formal statement yesterday that he did not believe the existing immigration laws should be changed, but that details could be agreed upon among the allies at the coming Moscow conference.

He said he had inspected displaced persons camps while on his trip to Europe. He said he believed there were many places in the British empire and in central and South America where they could relocate.

tion by other governments and the entire American fishing industry, is a fantastically complex floating factory, the first of its kind.

The 410-foot "Pacific Explorer" was converted at Bellingham, Wash., last year from the steamer Normacrey. The Reconstruction Finance corporation put up \$5,000,000 for the job. The vessel currently is on its shakedown cruise west of Costa Rica.

She is due back at Astoria, Ore., next month, and will head up into the Bering sea in April. Carrying a crew of 244 men, she will receive fish and king crabs caught by trawls, tangle nets and long-line gear.

The crab will be canned and the fish frozen, either whole or as packaged fillets. Offal and inedible fish will be manufactured into fish meal and fish oil, and pharmaceutical oils will be extracted from vitamin-bearing livers.

"There have been floating canneries before, and floating freezers, and floating reduction plants," Andrew W. Anderson, chief of commercial fisheries for the fish and wildlife service, told reporters.

"But the Pacific Explorer is all of these combined for the first time in one vessel, designed for year-around operation in hemispheric fields.

"She will explore the fisheries of tropical waters and the Bering sea, and will demonstrate the economic possibilities of operating a factory ship in the Pacific at great distances from shore plants and home markets."

The ship's manufacturing capacity includes:

- Fish reduction at the rate of seven tons an hour.
- Freezing seafood at a temperature of 45 degrees below zero, at the rate of 175 tons a day.
- 10 tons of ice per day.
- 50 tons of fresh water a day.
- The ship has storage space for 225 tons of ice and 3,800 tons of cargo refrigerated at zero.
- Living quarters are air conditioned.

## Students Fill Red Cross Boxes



Youngsters in the Klamath Falls city schools are responding to the appeal for boxes to be shipped overseas through the Junior Red Cross. Each school has filled numerous boxes and students of Fremont, seventh graders in room 10, are busy packing one of the cartons. Seated: Ray Hammersteadt; standing, left to right, John Lentz, Margaret Gerber, Betty Lou Thompson, Wanda Whitney.

## NY Gang Battle Results In Death For One Youth

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP)—One youth was dead, two were in jail charged with homicide, another was held on a charge of felonious assault, and still another was in the hospital today as a result of a flareup of violence among boyhood gangs over the week-end.

Thomas Soto, 14, and Candido Noriega, 13, were held pending a further hearing tomorrow in the death of Earl Keller, 16, a negro.

Police said that Soto and Noriega, members of "the Rockets," each fired a shot with a gang-owned .22 rifle from an apartment roof to frighten members of a rival gang, "the Royals" Saturday afternoon. Keller, a bystander, yelled "I'm shot" and died instantly.

Later, police said, Frank Torres, 17, a friend of Keller, gathered some friends and attacked Soto's brothers, Louis, 17, and Richard, 19.

Louis is in a hospital suffering from a stab wound in the chest. Richard was struck on the head with a hatchet and was given first aid, police said.

Torres was held under \$3000

bailed pending examination on a charge of felonious assault.

## Welfare Work Needed

The state civil service commission announced today that applicants are urgently needed for caseworker and county welfare administrator positions.

Civil service tests to fill a number of vacancies in these positions will be held late in February. Although these examinations were announced on January 18, 1947, the response has not supplied enough qualified persons for these positions. Applicants must have a college degree and some experience in work related to social service.

The beginning salary range for county welfare administrator I is \$170-210; county welfare administrator II is \$215-265; caseworker I is \$150-175; and caseworker II is \$165-205.

Any persons who are interested must make application to the civil service commission, 444 Center street, Salem, Ore., on or before midnight of February 15, 1947. Application blanks may be obtained at any of the offices of the Oregon state employment service or county welfare offices or by writing or calling in person at either the Portland office of the

## Gunman Locks Man In Car Trunk

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Police reported today a gunman approached the parked automobile of Eino Nilranen, 26, early yesterday, forced him to crawl into the car trunk and then tried to assault Nilranen's girl friend.

Nilranen said he picked his way free of the compartment when he heard Lola Davis, 21, resisting. Nilranen said he pulled the gunman from the seat and struck him several times before the man could reach his gun. The man fled.

civil service commission at 620 Mead building or the Salem office.

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