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Anaconda May Quit New Move

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The justice department has questioned the Anaconda Copper company's decision to enter the aluminum production field.

Newell A. Clapp, acting assistant attorney general for the anti-trust division, reported Wednesday a preliminary study indicated Anaconda was "not a proper company" to take part in the government's aluminum expansion program.

Clapp said, however, the opinion might change on the basis of further information.

Clapp pointed out that aluminum and copper are competitive metals and noted that "it would appear that Anaconda would be interested in preserving its position in copper rather than in furnishing the competition which is badly needed in the present three-producer, extremely concentrated primary aluminum industry."



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IN SPARE TIME, TRY WORRYING OVER GAROO

By ED CREEGH
WASHINGTON, (AP)—If you need something to worry about today, you might wring your hands over the sad plight of the garoo.

The garoo is a large, in fact a very large, white crane. He stands almost five feet tall and has a wing spread of more than seven feet. He's also known as the white crane, the great white crane and the whooping crane. It's a fact that he does whoop, and rather alarmingly.

His problem is that he's about to become extinct.

"There aren't many of them left and it looks as if they're going to die out entirely," said Dr. Herbert Friedmann, curator of birds at the Smithsonian Institution.

Friedmann comes into the picture because his department is about to put one of the last of the garoos on exhibition, as soon as the taxidermist gets through with it.

This particular garoo was named Howard. He died about two weeks ago, of a gunshot wound plus a slight case of foot poisoning, at the Arkansas national wildlife refuge on the Texas Gulf coast.

Until Howard went hence, only 32 garoos had been counted at Arkansas. And, so far as the experts know, that's all the garoos there were left. There were untold thousands of them in the days of the early settlers. The air used to be black with them on their migrations to and from Canada.

In those days garoos could be seen all along the Atlantic coast, and as far west as Colorado and Idaho. Some early residents of the Carolinas claimed they used to make nets of the garoo, teaching them to eat frogs in gardens. You know how some people stretch the truth, though.

The garoos got in trouble with the Indians, and later the white settlers, by stealing corn. Naturally, the corn-growers shot them. The practice caught on and people have been shooting garoos ever since, in spite of the best efforts of bird-watchers and others to prevent it.

"Anything so large and so spectacular, and that flies so far, is bound to attract the hunter's attention," Dr. Friedmann told a reporter regretfully.

Because of the warfare against them, garoos have become suspicious and will have nothing to do with people. But they continue to die out. They lay eggs two at a time, and that is no way for a shrinking species to multiply.

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De Vigier Suit Filed

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—"Money doesn't make you happy," 16-year-old Martha Morris De Vigier sighed Thursday.

Martha ran away from a veritable mountain of money yesterday after filing suit in San Francisco for separate maintenance against Roland De Vigier, 28, Swiss industrialist.

In her suit, however she asked for \$10,000 a month support.

The De Vigiers were married in Paris three weeks ago after a brief courtship. They met in suburban Torrance while De Vigier was investigating a site for a new industrial plant.

After a lavish honeymoon trip, the De Vigiers returned here and were staying in an expensive hotel

build snug ground nests of marsh grass and reed stems. They are hearty and not very discriminating eaters—fish, small animals, insects, most anything of the sort.

The wonder is not that they are dying out but that they didn't die out before.

when the bride walked out. She went to San Francisco and filed the suit, which relatives say probably will be withdrawn because she is not of legal age.

Whether it will be refilled or not remained an open question. Her father, Charles Morris, trailer manufacturer, said Martha refused to disclose her plans.

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