

Fish Face Stiff Test Of Strength

SEATTLE (AP)—Washington State Fisheries Department biologists are ready to launch a research project that may have far-reaching importance in the Northwest's salmon vs. dam dispute.

It will be a closely supervised experiment to determine what kind of casualty rate fish suffer in going over dams or through turbines.

The scene will be the Elwha River at the north end of the Olympic Peninsula.

More than 500,000 fingerlings and yearling salmon of four species have been assembled at the state's Dungeness Hatchery. They will be placed, under varying conditions, above two Elwha dams during the next two months.

The project plans calls for some fish to be sent directly over the dam spillway. Others will be sent directly into turbine chambers. Others will be left to choose between the two hazardous routes. They will be tagged before being released.

The lower dam is only a 100-footers. The other, miles upstream, is 200 feet high.

Fisheries Department workers will catch as many as possible at the foot of each dam. They will be examined for injuries. Some crabs will be kept for a while to determine the mortality rate from injuries.

The species in the experiment are sockeyes, silvers and spring and fall chinooks.

Dale Schoepman and Vaughn Shertman are the fisheries biologists in general charge of the project.

Truce Talks Gain Ground

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Allied spokesmen reported truce negotiations near agreement Wednesday on the ten points of entry to be used during a Korean armistice.

United Nations negotiators proposed a compromise. The Communists promised to think it over. At the end of their 53-minute discussion, Col. Andrew J. Kinney said:

"It appears that we are in agreement on the better part of the points question."

Another group of staff officers met for only a few minutes because neither side could answer a series of questions asked previously by the other concerning exchange of prisoners.

Unverified rumors circulated around the truce village of Panmunjom that some new step was in the making to break the long deadlock over prisoners.

Communist newsmen, who often reflect the view of Red delegates,

"Operation Ski Jump" Off In Daring Dash To Arctic

POINT BARROW, Alaska (AP)—Three planes, 33 men and one woman were poised Monday for a flight to the top of the world where the Navy hopes to set up a research base on a floating ice island near the North Pole.

The expedition, assembled for the second phase of "Operation Ski Jump," was alerted for takeoff after a gasoline cache and three supply stations were established Saturday progressively nearer the pole. The exact departure time has not been set.

The Navy said the aim is to create an ice island base from which U.S. scientists can study the sea, air and geologists relating to the earth in the Arctic.

In scientific terminology, the observations will be oceanographic, meteorological and geophysical.

"Ski Jump Two" will be in the nature of a honeymoon for one of the veterans of last year's expedition, John F. Holmes, Falmouth, Mass. His bride, a few weeks is a skilled oceanographer and the only woman in the group.

Holmes said much more has been accomplished already this year than in 1951, when a year ago Tuesday the first expedition of 10 men began "Ski Jump One."

Twelve landings were made on the Arctic ice cap by the first party in a four-engine, 15-ton Navy plane to make ocean soundings as far as 400 miles above the northern rim of the continent.

The Navy said the risks were great because there was no way of knowing if the ice would support the big plane.

If a base is established on one of the huge ice islands discovered in the Arctic in recent years there is little danger it would be endangered by a breakup.

The islands have been found to be hundreds of feet thick with only a small portion of their bulk protruding above the surface. They move slowly through the Arctic ice pack.

Merrill Cubs Slate Meet

MERRILL—A night den meeting of Merrill Cub Scouts is planned for Friday evening March 21 to start promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the recreation hall. All parents are urged to be present to see what the boys are doing.

A special invitation is extended to visitors interested in Cub scouting, families who have boys between the ages of 8, 9, or 10. Movies will follow the meeting. Each Cub is asked to bake two dozen cookies to be served as refreshments following the meeting.

Den 3 is the proud possessor of the attendance pendant, earned for having the largest percentage of parents and Cubs at the February pack meeting.

March 29, is the date set for the annual carnival to be held at the recreation hall. Various types of entertainment have been planned. If you're one of the hundred and one don't miss this carnival. Be on the alert, watch for the kites, both in the air, and in window displays.

Easter Egg Hunt Planned

The Klamath Falls 20-30 Club plans to put out 6000 eggs at Moore Park for this Easter's annual hunt for Klamath youngsters.

Last year only 400 eggs were put out, according to 20-30 co-chairmen Bill Clothier and John DePope. More than 100 prizes are to be awarded this year.

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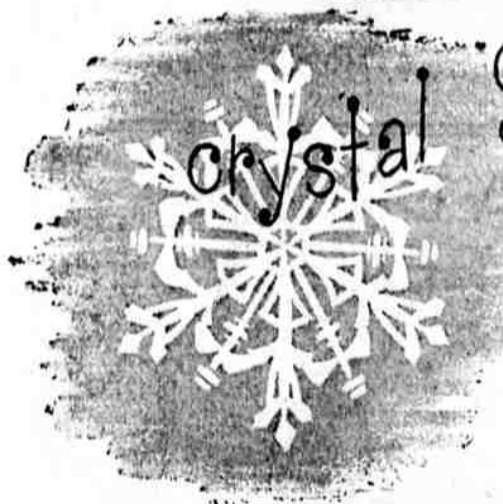
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