



IN A CLOUD OF DUST—Dodger Catcher Roy Campanella slides safely into second, advancing on a passed ball in first inning against the Cardinals at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. Cards Catcher Del Rice threw too late to Second Baseman Red Schoendienst (left) for the out. Calling the play is Umpire Al Barlick. The Dodgers won, 14-0.

# Priest Takes Over 74,000 Square-Mile Alaskan Parish With \$5, Plenty Of Zeal

By JERRY O'BRIEN

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—The Rev. John Buchanan S. J. had only five dollars in cash but a wealth of zeal the day he was given his new parish. It covered 74,000 square miles of rugged Alaska—and him without even a car.

It was just four years ago that he started from scratch. Today, with four chapels behind him, he is shipping in a million dollar school, piece by piece, from Sandpoint, Idaho.

And enthusiastic Father Buchanan vows that someday there'll be a 4-year college, complete with football stadium. He already has the plans.

The husky 37-year old Spokane Jesuit was a young student for the priesthood when he was first assigned to the Alaskan missions in 1941. In two years he had enough ideas to last a lifetime.

After his 1948 ordination in California, he went back to Alaska and reported to Bishop Francis D. Gleason at Anchorage. The Bishop brought out a map and showed him his parish, stretching from Fairbanks to the Canadian border and 332 miles wide in the middle. The rough, cold country was his to develop on his own for the Alaskan missions.

There were no churches, no schools and Father Buchanan had no idea how many parishioners there were. But he wrangled transportation to have a look, then he went to work.

He remembered Jim and Larry Brown, two old pals at Gonzaga high, were in the lumber business. From them he "borrowed" enough lumber to build a chapel at Tok Junction. He brought it up the Alcan Highway in a truck himself.

He got other free lumber for a second chapel at Northway, nailed together a third at Glen Allen, then a fourth at Big Delta. Neighbors, natives and GIs from nearby Army posts volunteered for the carpentry.

By last year he had a going concern but wasn't satisfied. "What this place needs," he told the Bishop, "is a grade school, a high school and a college, all boarding schools at Copper Center."

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The Bishop told him to go ahead and try. Father Buchanan drove off to Washington in a mission car and the Interior Department gave him a break \$40-acre site.

With zeal at a new high, he went back to Sandpoint and put the 1 1/2 on his old friends again. He got 100,000 board feet of lumber for free and the names of others who might help.

A freight company donated seven trucks to take the lumber to Seattle where he had lined up more friends. They had a barge to haul the lumber to Anchorage where other new friends with trucks would take it on to Copper Center.

A non-Catholic electrical dealer got him a good buy on materials. A Jewish architect in California donated detailed plans, with Father Buchanan at his side describing Alaskan winters.

It's been a one-man deal nearly all the way—until one day last year when Father Buchanan ran into the Rev. John Sneringer S. J. at Gonzaga. Father Sneringer had been athletic director at Seattle Prep and only mildly aware of the Alaskan missions, but in half an hour, he was "sold." He now acts as advance man for the operation.

"Look at these plans," he said, and rolled out the drawings by architect Ned Abrams. "Father Buchanan figures on four grade school classrooms and quarters for 50 children by 1954. He'll make that."

"Then the second stage here," and he turned the big sheet. "Eight grades by 1960, a million dollar plant. He'll make that too."

"Now a high school after that. It will be tough."

"Then this dreamer has this," and he turned to a large detailed drawing of a mass of buildings.

NEW HONOR  
MANILA (AP)—Gen. James Van Fleet, former commander of the U. S. 8th Army in Korea, has been recommended for the award of Philippine Legion of Honor, chief commander.

CLIMBER VISITS ALPS  
LONDON (AP)—"Tiger" Tensing, the Sherpa guide who conquered Mt. Everest, left London Saturday for Switzerland where he plans to spend a few days and then go home. Queen Elizabeth II gave Tensing the George Medal for his exploit.

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with the bold heading: "Catholic College of Alaska."

The sketch showed a half mile running track, a gymnasium and a football stadium. Father Buchanan was quite a halfback in high school.

First construction for the grade school will include a kitchen, dining hall and dormitories besides the classrooms. All will be one story.

The girls' dorm will be finished this summer and used as a warehouse for the materials Father Buchanan brings in. He's a truck driving expert on the Alcan Highway.

From his extensive parish, Father Buchanan scraped together \$5,000 to start his plan last year.

He spent \$1,500 and traded in a mission car on two pickups and a ton and a half truck. He'll use \$3,000 to pay a foreman and carpenter to supervise volunteers on the summer work.

Of the \$500 left, \$300 goes to gasoline right off.

"It's a shoeing operation but he'll make it," said Father Sneringer, heading for Copper Center to help. "He's gotten this far on a \$5 start. But that college—I've got to see that."

There seems a good chance that he will.

SI KILLED  
SINGAPORE (AP)—British Commonwealth troops and police killed 81 Malayan Communist guerrillas last month, officials announced here Friday.

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MAMA'S LITTLE ANCHOR—Patty Lou, Dalmatian mascot of San Francisco's Engine Company No. 2, won't be answering alacorn for a while. The reason: Eleven new pups.

## 'Red Trade Now Non-Strategic'

WASHINGTON (AP)—America's allies have stopped selling strategic goods to Red China, Harold E. Stassen says, but are continuing to trade in other items because their economic interests are different than ours.

This was the answer of the foreign aid director yesterday when asked, on a television program, about a Senate report criticizing Western trade with the Chinese Communists.

Terminating the China trade issue is "a very complex question," Stassen said. The U. S. view is that all such commerce should be banned. But if this country insists on its allies breaking off all trade, he said, some of them would be in a position to ask:

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## Here's How Our Boys Voted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Here's how Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent roll-calls:

House  
On passage, 282-120, of bill authorizing private development of additional power facilities on Niagara River: For—Conn; Against—Angell, Norblad; Not voting—Ellsworth.

On passage, 325-77, of bill extending excess profits tax until Dec. 31, 1954: For—Angell, Coon, Ellsworth, Norblad.

On passage, 221-109, of compromise bill authorizing \$5,157,232,500 for one-year extension of foreign aid program: For—Angell, Norblad; Against—Coon, Ellsworth.

Senate  
On ratification, 72-15, of treaty dealing with status of U. S. forces stationed in NATO nations, giving courts of those nations authority to try U. S. military personnel: For—Cordon; Not voting—Morse.

On Williams (R-De) amendment to increase exemption on corporate income from \$25,000 to \$100,000, defeated 52-34: Against—Cordon; Not voting—Morse.

On resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for equal rights for women, adopted 73-11 (two-third majority required): Not voting—Cordon and Morse.

JAMMING INCREASES  
BONN, Germany (AP)—Moscow and its East European satellites have stepped up their jamming of western radio broadcasts since unrest broke out in the Soviet bloc.

## Portland Girl Miss Oregon

SEASIDE (AP)—Patti Throop of Portland, who measures 35 inches around the bust and hips and 11 inches less around the waist, will represent Oregon in the Miss America contest.

The 19-year-old brunette is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 119 pounds.

She was selected from five finalists Sunday in the Miss Oregon contest here. Harriet Ruth Vahey, Portland, who entered the contest as Miss Gearhart, was second and Diane Garman Miss Milwaukie third.

Miss Garman won the "Miss Congeniality" award after other contestants voted her the most friendly and co-operative.

The other finalists were Donna Lee Johnson, Clatskanie, Miss Columbia County, and Varina Christine Heinrich, Hillsboro, Miss Washington County.

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TRUE BLUE—Yvette Tivoli, 20, poses prettily on the beach at Juan-Les-Pins, France, after being picked from many competing French beauties, for the title, "Miss Mannequin of the Azure Coast."

Western Oregon—Fair through Tuesday. Highs ranging from 70 in northern interior to about 80 in southern interior, coastal highs 68-75; low Monday night 50-60. Winds off shore northerly to northwesterly, 12-25 m.p.h., increasing to 25 locally on Southern Oregon coast. Small craft warnings on south of Newport.

Eastern Oregon—Continued fair through Tuesday with little change in temperature. Highs 80-90; low Monday night from 42 in high valleys to 55 in lower valleys. Local gusty winds in the north, diminishing Tuesday.

Northern California—Fair through Tuesday; little change in temperature. Northwesterly winds 8-18 m.p.h. off coast.

Grants Pass and vicinity—Fair through Tuesday. High Tuesday 80; low Monday night 48.

Coos Bay area—Fair through Tuesday except patches of morning fog and low cloudiness. Bar winds northerly to northwesterly, increasing to 30-35 m.p.h. during afternoons. High Tuesday 70; low Monday night 50.

Baker and vicinity—Fair through Tuesday. High Tuesday 89; low Monday night 50.

By The Associated Press. 24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Monday

	Max.	Min.	Prcp.
Baker	85	47	—
Bend	81	33	—
Eugene	76	45	—
Klamath Falls	85	45	—
La Grande	84	49	—
Lakeview	87	56	—
Medford	89	51	—
Newport	83	50	—
North Bend	65	50	—
Ontario	93	60	—
Pendleton	86	55	—
Portland (Airport)	71	54	—
Roseburg	79	51	—
Salem	75	43	—
Boise	90	53	—
Chicago	91	73	—
Denver	83	56	—
Dureka	59	49	—
Los Angeles	82	65	—
New York	84	72	—
Red Bluff	103	78	—
San Francisco	66	49	—
Seattle	67	52	—
Spokane	81	49	—

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