



LUNCH STOP ON THE SECOND DAY of the Modoc Tribe Ride is made every year by at least a part of the group at lovely Paterson Lake. Horses are unsaddled and turned out to graze on the green grass while the riders loaf over saddlebag sandwiches, throw rocks into the lake to watch

the splash and fish. The man in the center of the picture trying his luck at fishing is the same fellow on the cover. The waters of the lake are cold enough to make it dangerous to dip brass monkeys in them without damage.

**Old Law Proves Costly For Father**

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UPI) — Because the old laws were inflexible regarding child support, J. D. Hooker faces payment of \$11,000 in back alimony that he did not think he owed.

Hooker's ex-wife waived alimony rights in 1947 when she moved to California with a new husband. But this year she filed suit to recover 10 years of back payments, at \$20 a week. Her suit was denied in superior court but the State Supreme Court held she was entitled to the money.

Under a Georgia law that stood on the books until 1954, alimony awarded for child support was a permanent obligation, even if the mother did not insist on it.

**EAST MEETS WEST**

NEW YORK (UPI) — Needing Oriental dancers for their upcoming musical, "Flower Drum Song," Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein 2nd and Joseph Fields placed help-wanted ads, in Chinese, in two New York Chinese language newspapers.

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**Sports Fishermen Have Good Year Along Pacific Coast In 1958, But Fears Looming**

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United Press International

SACRAMENTO, (UPI) — History will record the years 1957 and 1958 as excellent for sports fishermen along the Pacific Coast.

But is this good? Or is it bad? To date nobody seems to have definite answers to these puzzling questions.

The reason for the good fishing is readily apparent: The water's warmer, thus attracting species that haven't been captured in North American waters before.

But the dilemma starts at this point: It's a dilemma that is giving scientists king-sized headaches—as well as giving sports fishermen along the Pacific Coast some fish for their money.

The California Fish and Game Department, in a monthly report, said that high ocean temperatures off the Pacific Coast are not unique by any means.

"However, the warm years of 1957-58 seem more exceptional in normal temperatures which have persisted since 1947," the state agency said.

"The warming in 1957-58 was a Pacific-wide phenomenon rather than just a local one," it continued. "Warming off the Pacific Coast of the United States is usually associated with cooling off northern Japan and warm water off northern Japan is generally accompanied by cool water off our coast.

When the water warms, the effect seems to be far-reaching.

"Tidal anomalies also seem to be related to ocean temperatures," said the California report. "Higher than normal tides occur when water temperatures are higher and lower than normal tides occur when the water is cool.

"In addition, the warming phenomenon has been associated with an expansion and southward displacement of the semi-permanent

low pressure area located in the north Pacific."

In other words, more rain in California's coastal areas.

For others than the fishermen, here were some of the results, apparently, of the ocean's warming up:

Hawaii had its first recorded hurricane, the Peruvian coast was afflicted with the fish-killing El Nino, the ice went out at Point Barrow at the earliest time in history, and on the western edge of the Pacific the tropical rainy season lasted almost six weeks beyond its usual term.

California's research agencies are looking into the whole matter and already a preliminary report for 1957 has been published entitled the California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations."

There are some interesting facts in that report:

—The energy contained in half the oil reserves on earth would be required to produce the change observed last year in salt content in the 200,000 square miles of the California coast.

—About four times more solar heat than the area actually received would be needed to explain the change that occurred.

—The warming along the coast averaged one degree centigrade during 1957. Meanwhile, back in

the fish beds:

Sardine spawning during the period was unique because although most of it took place in a coastal band from Punta Baja to San Pedro, some spawned north of Point Conception for the first time in several years.

At the same time, sardines were widely scattered and not very abundant in 1957.

There was an "enormous increase" in the percentage of young sardines (firecrackers) in the live-bait catch, perhaps up to six per cent compared with three-tenths of one per cent in 1955, the best previous year.

The year 1957, unquestionably was the best sportsfishing year southern California ocean anglers have enjoyed since party boat records were reestablished in 1947—after World War II.

Yellowtail have been caught off all southern California sportsfishing ports and in large numbers south of Port Hueneme. The barracuda catch increased greatly over the past several years. Boats also got skipjack and dolphinfish

and occasionally landed yellowfin tuna.

And the fish have been moving further and further north.

For instance, white seabass were caught off the Golden Gate near San Francisco.

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