

Claims Commission Gets 5-Year Extension

A law extending the life of the Indian Claims Commission for another five years has been signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The law extends the life of the Commission until April 10, 1972. Created by a 1946 act, it would have expired last month without the new law.

The law also increases the

membership of the Commission from three to five members, provides for a trial calendar and limits the time for continuance of cases to expedite the work of the Commission.

More than 850 Indian claims against the United States have been placed before the Commission, and 347 are pending.

Sen. Gruening Urges Convention To Prevent Oil Pollution

Senator Ernest Gruening has urged Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall to convene an international convention on preventing oil pollution, following serious cases of oil pollution on the Atlantic coast and the breakup of the "Torrey Canyon" off England.

"No beach front property and no party of our coast line is now safe from the ravages of waste discharged from ships plying international waters," said Gruening. "Not only oil pollution, but other waste discharges are a threat of irreparable damage to wildlife, recreational re-

sources and valuable fisheries."

Gruening said tankers with capacities of up to 500,000 tons of oil, compared to the present average of 15,000 tons, can be realistically expected in the future. This will greatly increase the danger of pollution.

Although the United States is taking action within its jurisdiction to prevent this pollution, much of the tanker traffic is international in character, he said.

"This is an international problem and one of concern to all the world," said the senator in urging the international conference.

Sea 'Creature' On Display In Laboratory

JUNEAU—A "strange creature" of the sea has been recovered from the cold waters of the North Pacific and placed on display at the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries' biological laboratory at Auke Bay, Alaska.

It is a basket star, sometimes called a sea spider, which begins life with five arms that can be cast off easily. Arms are easily regenerated, BCF says.

Basket stars are animals commonly found in the North Pacific Ocean and provide food for many fishes. They may hide beneath stones and seaweeds during the day, but become active at night.

A basket star moves with a rapid, twisting motion, holding onto objects by one or more arms and pushing along with others. Some basket stars can swim by using their arms, much as a person.

ASHA Looking For Volunteers To Paint Masks

The Alaska State Housing Authority is looking for volunteer help to produce Eskimo and Indian mask designs and sketches to decorate a project fence for the Centennial celebration.

The Authority has paint, but needs people to make design sketches and to paint those designs on the fence next to Woolworths in Fairbanks.

Interested persons can contact Helen Atkinson at 228 Chena Building, phone 456-7751, or write Box 259, Fairbanks.

Every revolution was first a thought in one man's mind.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Brrrr: Mt. Edgecumbe Students'

Teeth Chatter as Movie Camera Whirs

It was on a Monday, March 13, that the chorus members were taken from various classes to board the bus for the airport.

There, cameraman E. J. Hirzel began to shoot some moving pictures of them.

In the biting north wind, they were positioned by Bob Ryan, who is the director-producer. "Brrrr," shivered the singers, "hope they will hurry!"

"Brrrrr—'Eight stars of gold'—(Oh man, it's cold!)—'On the field of blue, Alaska's flag may it mean to you'—Oh, can we go in now?"

"Yey!"

And the chorus members ran into the airport terminal building.

What were they doing there in the first place? (Besides shivering out the state song) They were trying their best to look pleasant for the cameraman while he took movies of them singing.

Later on in the Totem Club, they posed again—and again. And again!

If it weren't such a new thing for the chorus, it might have become tedious but, fortunately, it was even fun!

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