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First Court Establishment

Capt. Holgar Jorgenson was pilot and Jim Hanson, first on a Fairbanks of Commercesponsored charter Wien Air Alaska flight to Eagle last

Jagenson nunted wolves from the air in country, and Hanson's home town is Eagle. They made flight interesting with their commentary about the through the intercom system.

village population turned out celebration

included a salmon bake and an interesting talk by Mrs. Ruth Allman of Juneau, who is the niece of Judge James Wickersham, who established the first court in interior She showed a photograph of the first Indian Council of chiefs, called together by the Judge back in the early

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PRESENTS ARTIFACTS-Mrs. Ella Vernetti of Koyukuk and Ludwig Rowinski, director of the University of Alaska Museum, inspect a collection of Indian and Eskimo artifacts that Mrs. Vernetti has given to the Museum. (UA Photo by Frank Sipes)

Ella Vernetti,

Thomas' death.

is known.

temporary

Bunnell Building.

exhibit

resident

U of A Receives

Eskimo Artifacts

Museum has received a

collection of Indian and

Eskimo artifacts from Mrs.

Included in the collection

is a knife and sheath that

formerly belonged to Chief

Thomas of Tanana. The

knife was given to Mrs.

Vernetti's uncle, Andrew

Pilot, at the time of Chief

Museum Director Ludwig

Rowinski explained that the

collection is particularly

valuable because the history

of all items in the collection

The collection is now on

Registrar's Office in UA's

display in an

case near the

long-time

Koyukuk.

The University of Alaska

Amendment May Confiscate Violating Foreign Vessels

The discovery last Thursday of a Russian vessel fishing in Alaskan watersthe third such incident this year-prompted Senator Gruening (D-Alaska) to introduce for himself and Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett (D-Alaska) an amendment to existing law which will provide for mandatory confiscation of any foreign vessel caught for the second time fishing in Alaskan waters.

Denouncing the violation as "an outrage," Senator Gruening attributed considerable part of the responsibility" to the State Department, "which has repeatedly injected itself into the judicial proceedings by sending word to the Department of Justice that it wanted a very moderate application of the penalties which the law provides."

Legislation introduced by Senator Bartlett during the 88th Congress and enacted as Public Law 88-308 prescribed penalties for any non-American violating its provisions by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, not merely

upon the captain but upon every member of the crew, as well as confiscation of the

vessel and catch. Despite strong objections raised by Senators Bartlett and Gruening, the trawler seized on March 2 was fined only \$5,000 and the one seized on March 22 was fined \$10,000. "In one instance," Senator Gruening told his Senate colleagues, "it was reported that there were some \$60,000 worth of fisheries in the vessel's hold. Consequently, it was a most profitable deal for the Russian poacher."

The Coast Guard informed Senator Gruening that the vessel caught on Thursday was the same as that apprehended on March 22. "It is now crystal 'clear," he said, "that unless a penalty is imposed sufficient to discourage similar violations. these will continue."

Urging the prompt enactment of his amendment, Senator Gruening said, "We have a duty to protect our fisheries and our fishermen against these brazen actions of Soviet skippers."

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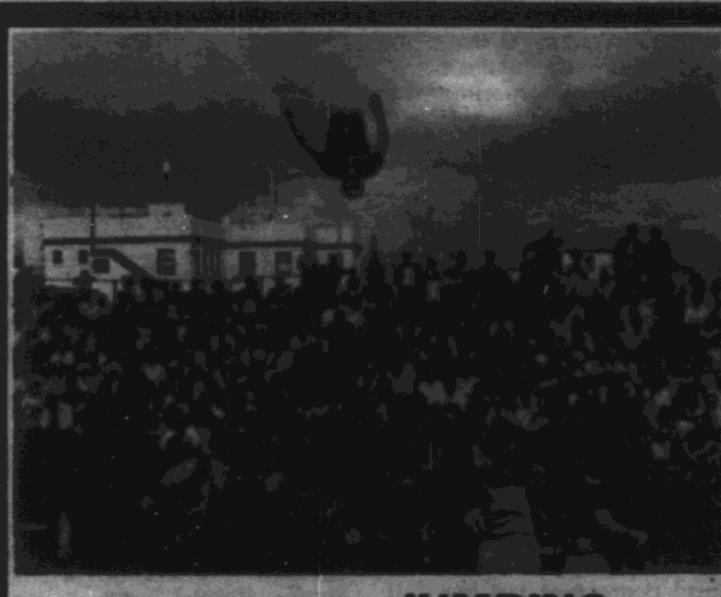
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