

# Flag Raised Here At 12:01 a. m. July 4th

## First 49-star flag raised over historic Castle Hill

### Gov. Egan and dignitaries here for event

No city or village in the new state of Alaska can claim to have raised the 49-star flag earlier than Sitka — former capital of Alaska — for at one minute past midnight on the morning of July 4th the new flag was flying atop historic Castle Hill.

The color guard of the first Battle Group, 9th Infantry, Eielson AFB raised the new flag in the presence of Alaska's Gov. William A. Egan, Col. Donald J. Richardson, commander of the First Battle Group, 9th Infantry, and Lt. Jonathan E. Adams, Jr., executive officer of the same group. Members of the Alaska Day committee also were present.

First official raising of the newest edition of the Stars and Stripes was scheduled later in the morning at 8:30 a.m. with every inch of standing room atop the hill filled with a crowd estimated at over 500 persons.

As the audience reached the hill the 48-star flag was atop the pole with a replica of the Russian ensign of 1867 just below it. After Bishop Amvrosy had offered the invocation, the choir of St. Michael's Cathedral sang one number. Then the 48-star flag and Russian ensign were lowered; the latter was presented to "Baranof," who in turn gave it to "Princens Mak-soutoff." George Beacom, president of the Alaska Day Festival, Inc., presented the 48-star flag to Gov. Egan.

As the 214th Army Band from Fort Richardson played first the Alaska Flag Song, then the Star Spangled Banner, the 49-star flag went up. The stiff breeze atop the hill caught it as it unfurled and it rippled proudly from the top of the flagpole.

Then as Mr. Beacom called the roll of states and the dates of the admission of each, one shot was

fired after each was called. When the 49 salutes had been completed, it was replied to by a series of 21 shots from the destroyer the USS Herbert J. Thomas, anchored in Crescent Bay.

A brief song by a group of Indians in their traditional tribal costumes preceded the brief address of the governor.

He said: "It is historically fitting that a unit of the 9th Infantry tended the colors here today. For it was an honor guard of the 9th Infantry that raised the Stars and Stripes for the first time in Alaska here on his spot in 1867.

"With the grace of God, the 49th state, Alaska, will forever maintain the humility and the principles that are sacred within the hearts of each and every citizen of the United States of America."

Benediction by Col. Robert Homiston, chaplain, U. S. Army, Alaska, Fort Richardson, concluded the program on the hill.

## N.W. subject of study contract

WASHINGTON — Award of a negotiated contract calling for an extensive resources, economic and transportation study of northwest North America was announced Sunday by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) acting chairman of the Alaska International rail and highway commission.

The award was to the Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio. Magnuson said the commission approved selection of the Institute from among 18 organizations submitting survey proposals.

The contract for a study and report on the national resources of Alaska and northwestern Canada in relation to transportation needs provides a maximum of \$120,643 for professional services, travel and other expenses, he said.

Battelle is to submit its final report to the commission before Dec. 31, 1960.

Magnuson said the study "will determine the location, extent and availability of known and undeveloped resources which need additional or improved transport facilities for their commercial development. If potential resource and industrial development warrants new or improved rail or highway routes, Battelle will recommend the most feasible routes based on a cost-benefit ratio."

## Questionable pants

BURLINGTON, Vt. — It's all a question of who wears the pants in the family.

Francis W. Billado Jr. of the Vermont air national guard, unable to find his uniform pants, slipped into his father's trousers for an inspection recently.

He stood stiffly at attention as the inspecting officer — Maj. Gen. Francis W. Billado — toured the ranks.

Gen. Billado, Vermont's Adjutant General, noticed something wrong when he came to Francis Jr. "Where did you get those pants?" he said. "They're yours, sir," replied the younger Billado.

The general's army pants were a different shade than the air force shirt worn by his son.

Francis Jr. pulled extra duty for the incident, the guard reported today.

## Kozlov leaves for Detroit

BERKELEY, Calif. — Frol Kozlov, Russia's deputy premier and his party of 40 left by plane at 2:29 p.m. today for Detroit after a weekend in California.

They left Oakland international airport in a National Airlines chartered plane for the flight to Detroit. Earlier today Kozlov was guided through the nuclear laboratory of University of California where many major atomic discoveries were made.

## Sixteen missing in turbulent Colorado river

GREENRIVER, Utah. — Sixteen persons in three rubber rafts failed to come out of the turbulent Colorado River and a pilot said he spotted two persons by sides an SOS sign in the sand today.

Pilot Jim Hurst said he spotted the stranded pair in rugged cataract canyon through which the Colorado boils south of its confluence with the Green River in southern Utah.

Hurst said he did not search any further. "As soon as I saw help was needed I flew back here to try to get it," he said.

He said he was trying to obtain a helicopter to fly into the canyon.

Hurst operates the Green River airport.

He said Holmes O. Miller of Bakersfield, Calif., was listed as skipper of the party, which included several children.

Hurst said he tried to discourage Miller and his group from making the trip because the river is so treacherous. He said Miller told him he had about a year's boating experience.

Miller is a geologist for Intex Oil Co. of Bakersfield.

## New government difficult in Israel

Jerusalem — Israel was finding it difficult today to form a new government in the wake of David Ben Gurion's resignation as prime minister. He quit Sunday night after a ten day row over sale of Israeli arms to Germany.

President Izak Ben-Zvi began preliminary talks with parliamentary factions on the formation of a regime to replace the 16-member coalition government that, as is customary, is staying on as a caretaker government until a new one is formed.

But Ben-Gurion refused to sit with the caretaker government, contending he will have "nothing to do" with the four ministers from the left wing Ahduth Avodah and Mapam parties which led opposition to the Israeli arms deal with West Germany, and refused to quit the cabinet. Ben-Gurion has no authority to dismiss them.

The four ministers caused the four-year-old government to topple by voting against the sale of 250,000 mortar shells to West Germany, most of them have already been delivered to the Bonn government.

## Charge violation

TOKYO — Teiping radio charged today that a U. S. warship violated the waters off Fukien province, facing Formosa, during the night of July 5-6. It quoted a foreign ministry spokesman as issuing Red China's 55th "serious warning" against intrusions.

## Three die in Elis Airlines plane crash

KETCHIKAN — Searchers guided by an elderly prospector found the wreckage of a missing Elis Air Lines plane in dense timber 45 miles northwest of here Sunday. The bodies of the three men aboard were brought to Ketchikan. The three were Tom Gaffney, the pilot, and Lee Larson, a fisheries biologist, both of Ketchikan, and George Peterson, a Wrangell logger. The single-engine Cessna 180 disappeared Friday on a 110-mile flight from Wrangell to Ketchikan.

Search was concentrated in the Helm Bay area after prospector Bob Novatney, who is over 70, walked down from his cabin in the hills above the bay Saturday night. Novatney reported to a search boat that he had heard a plane engine quit about 3:30 p.m. Friday. He said he didn't know a search was going on until he saw a coast guard plane circling Saturday.

Early yesterday, Duane Force, one of some 100 volunteers taking part in the search, spotted the tail section of the plane at about the 1,000-foot level on the southside of Cleveland peninsula.

## Woodworkers strike in B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C. — British Columbia coastal woodworkers went on strike to back up demand for higher wages at 11 a. m. Monday.

Forecasts said the strike by approximately 27,000 members of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) against almost 127 operators would be long and costly. Estimates of the cost against the province's first industry ranged from a million to three million dollars a day.

The strike meant failure of an 11th hour attempt by the provincial government to at least postpone it to permit continued negotiations.

But negotiations, under the supervision of chief conciliation officer William Fraser, broke down Sunday night.

Meanwhile, another major industry, the 90 million dollar a year fishing industry, has threatened to strike later this month to back up demands for higher wages and fish prices.

Another strike, by ironworkers, has tied up 90 million dollars worth of construction projects throughout the province.

## San. Mansfield says Butler aiding GOP

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) today accused Democratic national chairman Paul M. Butler of helping the Republicans by his criticism of Democratic congressional leaders.

Mansfield, assistant Democratic leader of the senate, said Butler's attacks "will not do us any good, but furnish fodder" for President Eisenhower and the GOP national committee.

Butler said Sunday in a TV interview that more progressive Democratic leadership is needed in congress to provide a party record for the 1960 election campaigns.

"We are going to be in a tough situation in 1960" unless the Democrats in congress get busy, he said.

Mansfield, replying to Butler's criticism that the Democratic leadership in the senate and house is steering too conservative a course, told a reporter: (continued on page four)

## Ernest Bernhardt wins Derby with 60-lb., 2-oz. fish

Ernest Bernhardt topped the Sitka Salmon Derby with his entry of a 60-pound, 2-ounce fish. He was followed by Albert Gray, 58-pounds, 3-ounces and Gene Blatchford, 57-pound, 8-ounces.

Following list of entries is official, the Sitka Salmon Derby committee reported. Any protests to the list must be made prior at 8 p. m. Tuesday to Bill Logan, Jack Huff or Cecil McClain. The prizes are to be awarded at 8 p. m. Tuesday evening at the Elks lodge rooms.

Here is a complete list of winners:

- Ernest Bernhardt, 60-lbs., 2-oz.
- Albert Gray, 58-lbs., 3-oz.
- Gene Blatchford 57-lbs., 8-oz.
- Bob Johnson 54-lbs., 13-oz.
- Les Fragner 51-lbs., 7-oz.
- William O. Morrison 50-lbs., 8
- Henry C. Moore 47-lbs., 15-oz.
- Walt Lersten 44-lbs., 13-oz.
- David Russell 44-lbs., 7-oz.
- L. M. Porter 41-lbs., 7-oz.
- Alfred Apodruk 41-lbs., 3 oz.
- Henry Benson, 40-lbs., 11-oz.
- Albert Frank Jr. 38-lbs., 9-oz.
- Don Natkong 38-lbs., 6-oz.
- Sam Sing 37-lbs., 11-oz.
- Vi Lovell 36-lbs., 1-oz.
- Charlie King 35-lbs., 1-oz.
- Roy Herrin 34-lbs., 5-oz.
- Dick Radaich 33-lbs., 12-oz.
- John Ihde, 33-lbs., 1-oz.
- Betty Whitaker 31-lbs., 11-oz.
- Jake Lestenkoff 30-lbs., 8-oz.
- Herbert Gray 30-lbs., 2-oz.

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## Nation shows over-all fast recovery

NEW YORK — Operation Rebound — that's the story the statistics tell in showing the nation's faststepping recovery from recession in the first six months of 1959.

Just about all the indicators are headed up.

Here's the business boxscore at midyear:

Gross national product — up from an annual rate of 430 1/2 billion dollars a year ago to an estimated 480 billions.

Personal income — Up from 132 per cent of the 1947-49 average to about 154 per cent.

Employment — Up from 65 million in June last year to an estimated 66 1/2 million.

Unemployment — Down from 5,437,000 to approximately 3,750,000.

Consumer price index — Virtually unchanged at 124 per cent of the 1947-49 average. It was 123.7 per cent a year ago.

Auto production — Up from 2,242,000 cars in 1958 to 3,284,000 a gain of 46 per cent.

Retail trade — Up from 95 billion dollars to 102 1/2 billions.

Construction contract awards — Up from 16 1/2 billion dollars in the first half of 1958 to 19 billions.

Housing starts — Up from 515,000 to 690,000.

Export trade — Down to 8 billion dollars for the first six months of 1959 from nearly 8 1/2 billions in the same period last year.

The stock market, based on the Associated Press average of prices of 60 key stocks — 228.10 on June 30, 1959 vs. \$174.80 a year ago.

## Wall St. closing

NEW YORK — The stock market in New York advanced to a new record high, with closing prices around their best for the session. Steels were strong and motors widened their gains, along with aluminum and most chemicals. Volume for the day was estimated at 3,500,000 shares.

Here are the closing prices of three representative stocks: General Motors 55 1/2, up 2 1/2; U. S. Steel, 105 1/2, up 1 1/2; and A. T. & T. 82, up 3/4.

In the New York bond market U. S. governments turned mixed in narrow trading. The corporate market turned slightly lower, easing earlier fractional gains. Investment quality issues and industrials were slightly higher; rails and utilities developed easing tendencies.

## Russians launch two dogs in rocket; reclaim them

### Great height was attained is report

MOSCOW — The Russians have launched two more dogs into space by rocket and brought them back to earth in good condition, it was announced tonight. Accompanied by a rabbit, the dogs attained "a great height," the Soviet news agency said. It gave no figures.

"Repeated ascents made by the same animals have made it possible to obtain data about the adaptability of animals to flights in rockets," Tass agency said. "New data on the behavior of animals under conditions of weightlessness have been obtained."

For one of the dogs, Olvzhnaya (Daring) it was the third space flight, Tass said. There was no mention as to how many flights the other dog, Snezhinka (Snowflake) had made, nor was there any mention as to what happened to the rabbit.

A broadcast said the launching

was made July 2.

It described the event as a routine launching of a shuttle stage geophysical ballistic rocket of medium range.

Previously the United States had recovered two monkeys sent into space.

Mission of the Soviet rocket was to aid scientific research in "the upper layers of the atmosphere," the broadcast added.

There was no immediate indication how high the dogs flew. Moscow said the rocket was equipped with apparatus for studying the ultraviolet portion of the solar spectrum, the structure of the ionosphere and the micro-meteorite stream.

The total weight of scientific instruments and animals a part was put by the Russians at 1,000 kilograms — around 4,400 pounds or more than two tons.

The second Soviet satellite launched Nov. 3, 1957, carried the 13-pound dog Laika. Laika lived seven days, but died from lack of oxygen long before Sputnik II burned out on descending through the atmosphere.

In February last year, the Russians claimed they had twice sent a dog named Albino into the stratosphere aboard a rocket.

## Atty. general leaves for Washington

JUNEAU — Alaska attorney general John Rader was scheduled to leave today for Washington to oppose a request for supreme court action in the state's fish trap case against three Indian villages.

Rader said attorneys for the villages were expected to ask tomorrow or Wednesday for an order from the high court restraining the state from enforcement of laws prohibiting use of fish traps.

Ketchikan lawyers R. L. Jernberg and C. L. Cloudy said they would ask Justice Hugo Black to issue the order, pending a review by the high court of a district court denial of an injunction against the state.

District judge Raymond J. Kelly last week denied injunctions requested by the villages of Mellakata, Angoon and Kake.

He held that interior secretary Fred Seaton did not have the authority to except the three villages from general provisions of 1950 regulations that banned use of trap gear.

## Red pipeline may be backfiring

NEW YORK — The Soviet Union has set up a direct pipeline to find out what effect the Soviet exhibition has upon American viewers.

Visitors have been asked to give their impressions in several guide books scattered around the 10 million-dollar, six-acre cultural and scientific exhibit.

Perhaps the books will be taken back to Moscow for careful scrutiny by cold war strategists. If so, here's some of what they will read:

"I saw this on July 4, 1959, a date commemorative of American independence — thank God for it."

"Russian music is for the birds — if they'll take it."

"Why don't you practice what you preach and the world situation" (continued on page four)



Marine forecast from Monday to Tuesday.

Outside waters Sitka to Dutch Entrance variable winds less than 15 mph today becoming southeasterly to east 8 to 18 mph tonight.

Partly cloudy today. Cloudy with intermittent rain tonight.

Outside waters Sitka to Yakutat variable winds less than 15 mph. Fair. Slightly cooler Tuesday.

## Veatchcombing

THE LATEST in fast remarks going around: What is a Socialist? A rich Democrat.

AND AGAIN we entertain the Navy — and the boys are the high type which that body of the armed services claim. Of course the other branches are just as nice but they weren't here in such numbers.

QUICK QUESTION: Name the number of stars in the "official" flag of the United States. No prompting please.

ALL WE lacked was a prize fight and a football game to make the Fourth a day in which no one could possibly see everything.

LOGGING IS going to be one of the really big activities of this section. Why not have a special weekend to hold the All-Alaska championships. Make that day a "Loggers Weekend" and not compete with the Fourth? A Saturday and Sunday two-day celebration honoring Paul Bunyon and Babe would draw from all over the coast the best in the business. All so lots of people would follow just to see these experts in action.

I'M ALL for bigger and better Fourth of July celebrations. Each one in Sitka has grown until you won't find us traveling the highways looking for entertainment — we get it right here at home.