

ALASKA

L.T. - Baker. Tues. July 1 - '58.

Alaska now - Hawaii next. That's the slogan in Washington, tonight. President Eisenhower had a meeting with Republican leaders in Congress today, and all agreed - that last night's triumph in the Senate for Alaskan statehood must be followed by the admission of Hawaii as a state in the Union. After forty-nine -- fifty.

Secretary of the Interior Seaton says - his department will press immediately for legislation in behalf of those Pacific isles. However, it seems unlikely that a bill for Hawaiian statehood can be passed this year.

President Eisenhower will sign the Alaskan statehood bill tomorrow, or Thursday - probably, I suppose, with a bit of ceremony.

Then, of course, the people of Alaska will have to ratify it. Do they want to be the forty-ninth ~~state~~ state? They'll vote this autumn, and the way the vote will go is indicated by celebrations throughout that immense territory. The news, today, continuing - with accounts of wild jubilation.

INTRO TO RECORDING

Well, I can only say - I wish I were still in Alaska, wish I had stayed on for ~~this~~ this. Up there we all knew there'd be one whale of a celebration. In Anchorage for several weeks they had been tearing down old buildings and hauling lumber and everything burnable to an open area where they had it ~~and~~ ^{— all ready} ready to touch a match to [^] - if the Senate voted for statehood.

However, tonight we do have a report direct from the scene -- from Lowell Jr. who is up there, completing a job of filming for our television High Adventure series. Here he comes now with ^a ~~his~~ report from Anchorage way out in western Alaska - the new stat^a's number one metropolis. Let's hear what he has to tell us from our huge new state: ^{49th.} [^]

FOLLOW RECORDING

Maybe I should answer that by singing to the tune of "Dixie" - "I wish I were in Alaska, hurray, hurray!" But we'll have to wait for the next best thing - pictures of the celebration that Lowell, Jr. and the crew have made for our new television series.

SEAWAY

They had a great show - at Massena, New York, today.

A huge explosion, thirty tons of dynamite - blasting a coffer-dam, which held the St. Lawrence River in check. The blast erupted like a volcano - and a huge wall of water surged through the gap, ~~for~~ pouring into a hollow. To become - a great man-made lake.

Thousands of sightseers and officials, including Governor Harriman of New York, saw the show - the ~~the~~ opening of the critical channel of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The river - having been diverted, while installations were being made, locks and power plants. The St. Lawrence, today - returning with a rush, to its former channel - now -- a waterway.

This occurs two and a half centuries after the first waterway was constructed, getting around the rapids of the St. Lawrence. A crude channel, a little more ~~than~~ than a ditch, eighteen inches deep - dug by French missionaries

and Indians. A waterway - for canoes. Today, a giant seaway - which will make the great lakes a fourth seacoast for the United States. In addition - to the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico.

ROCKET

The army has received - ~~xxx~~ tentative permission to launch a missile to the moon. The army - working "day and night" on the project of a lunar rocket.

So said Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker - at Fort Bliss, Texas, today. Indicating - that the army might beat the Air Force to the punch, with a rocket on its way to the moon.

Last month, Air Force General Samuel Anderson said - the Air Force is likely to make its attempt in August. Then - was rebuked for mentioning a specific time.

Today, Secretary Brucker was asked - just when will the Army make its pass at the moon? He wouldn't answer that - not wanting, apparently, to risk a rebuke.

GENEVA

At Geneva - the opening session of the conference to devise ways of safeguarding a ban on atomic testing. The Russian delegation - attending on terms presented by the West. Previously, Moscow had insisted - that the United States and Britain must agree on a test ban in advance. But that seems - forgotten.

Today, chief Russian delegate Fydorov told the assembled scientists "that the conference was not summoned for any decision on a ~~suspension~~ suspension of nuclear testing. "That," said he, "is a question for our governments."

Today General Charles DeGaulle came to - Setif.

A city in Algeria - which has been one of the worst of trouble spots in that sorely troubled land. DeGaulle - on a second North African visit, intending to deal with lingering opposition to his policies. Not getting such an uproarious welcome - this time. The French colonists - now disappointed ~~has~~ because he has not made himself a dictator.

They say he believes the costly Algerian war has to be settled - and reports are that, on this visit, he'll announce a spectacular plan to restore peace. Some sort of compromise - with revolting Moslems.

Anyway, right after flying across the Mediterranean, he proceeded on to Setif - which has been the scene of repeated attacks by the Algerian insurgents. DeGaulle wanting to size up the situation ^{right} at the center of trouble.

LEBANON

Last night, we heard how, in Lebanon - the rebels were threatening to capture the important Beirut international airport; with its ultra-modern terminal building. One of the most impressive airports in the world. Tonight, the news tells - how the insurgent forces were hurled back by armored cars and barrages of mortar fire. Twenty rebels, captured. Among them, Syrians - carrying Syrian identity cards. More indication - that the trouble in the Lebanon is backed by forces from the outside - Syrian.

Today's victory for the government of President Chamoun is - the more notable - because its forces included partisans, as well as regular soldiers. That is civilians fighting on the government side.

CUBA

Reports from Cuba - that the rebels now hold more than fifty Americans and Canadians. Four more Americans - kidnapped last night, executives at a sugar and agriculture school run by the United Fruit Company. With insistent rumors - that three others have been abducted.

Negotiations for the release of the prisoners - now in charge of U S Vice Consul Robert Wiecha, who flew to Guantanamo - to take over the job.

The Cuban government suggesting, according to reports - that the U S Navy ~~mk~~ make a search for the captives. Who include - thirty American sailors and marines. But there's no ~~about~~ indication that the United States government would use its own forces - to get the prisoners away from the Cuban rebels in the hills.

In Washington today, Senator Knowland of California - demanded a resumption of military shipments to the government of Cuban strong man Batista, Unless - the kidnapped Americans

are turned loose in forty-eight hours. Because of the rebellion on the island, the United States has been withholding military material from the Havana regime. So the California Senator says - give Batista guns and ammunition, unless the rebels release the prisoners.

MIKE

There's one appropriate headline for this next bit
The headline should read:-
of news.- "for the love of mike"! But - not said in any slangy
way. Sentimental - with a sigh.

At Sun Valley, California, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hill
have eight children. The father - broke, without a job. So
they ~~settled~~ decided - they'd have to put one of the youngsters
out for adoption. Their little boy - twenty month old Mike.

Then, yesterday, two of the girls took Mike to the
movies. Sandra, sixteen years old - and Genevieve, thirteen.
Secretly, they took along a ~~pack~~ blanket, a can of plums and
five-dollars-and-fifty cents, which the two sisters had saved
up.

They didn't return home. Sandra and Genevieve -
vanishing with Mike. Leaving a note for their parents. Two
brief sentences: "We are taking baby Mike away. We won't let
you give him away."

The news today tells - how the runaways were found.
Having taken a bus to Hollywood, where the police found Sandra,

Genevieve and baby Mike. Sitting under a shade tree - on the
Hollywood freeway.

The two girls appear to be ~~not~~ having their way.

Their mother now saying - "we will keep Mike."

A slangy headline, but ~~the~~ one way to summarize
the ~~in~~ story ^{is to say} ~~for~~ the love of Mike.

ACTOR

In London, actor Edmund Purdom was taken into court, where Judge Geoffrey Howard ruled - the actor will have to pay one-hundred-and-sixty-eight dollars. Why? ^{OK,} Because his wife was out of town. The little woman - off on a trip.

Testimony was, that the moment she left, ~~his~~ hubby started throwing a series of parties. Wife away - life was one long celebration. High jinks restrained - so much so that one-hundred-and-sixty-eight dollars worth of damage was done to the apartment building.

Well, you know how it is, fellows - and actor Edmund Purdom's wife is an artist, a painter of abstract pictures. *The dispatch doesn't say what happened to*
~~I hope none of~~ the futuristic art in the apartment was damaged during the uproar while she was away.

DUBLIN

Dublin's new Lord Mayor is - a housewife. A native of Scotland, by the way. Mrs. Catherine Byrnes - who has two daughters - Clare and Moira.

That much information - is given about the new Lord Mayor of Dublin. Or would you call her - the Lady Mayor? One question - unanswered, ~~How~~ old is Mrs. Byrnes? Apparently - in her fifties. But she's not telling, ~~exactly~~.

Today, when asked, she replied: "Let's just say - I'm old enough for the job."

- *Don* -
Dublin's version of the traditional puzzle - how

old is Ann?

FLAG

Alaskan statehood is costly - for the J L Hudson company of Detroit. Expensive - as will be made clear by one fact.

The company has a United States flag across its entire store-front. Old Glory - two-hundred-and-thirty-five feet long, and one-hundred-and-four feet high. Stars and stripes - weighing fifteen hundred pounds. Each star - five and a half feet high.

Of course, for the forty-ninth state - they'll have to add only one star. But also - rearrange the other forty-eight, which will ^{cost} ~~stand~~ the company - two thousand dollars.

~~To~~ Bringing up to date - the largest flag in the world.

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In Cuba, American prisoners are being released.

An airlift by helicopter - bringing captives from a jungle hideout in the Oriente Province to the U S naval base in Guantanamo.

First indication of this was - a dispatch saying that two Americans and one Canadian had ~~been~~ been brought in. The Americans - Henry Salmonson and W. Koster. The Canadian - ~~Ed~~ Edward Cannon. All three - employees of American business firms operating in Cuba.

Negotiations for the release of the men were carried on by the American Consul in Santiago, ^{Park}~~Park~~ Wollam, who flew to rebel headquarters and the latest is that he came back to Guantanamo tonight, with ~~the~~ two more prisoners. Flown - by helicopter.

Tonight, a statement from millionaire Bernard Goldfine, saying - he's ~~am~~ willing to pay the income tax deductions he claimed on gifts to Sherman Adams. The textile industrialist listed on his tax returns such items as the hotel bills he paid for the preidential assistant. Also - the large oriental rug - for the Adams home. He says he ~~brought~~ bought the rug for use in a Goldfine showroom - then loaned it to Sherman Adams. Anyway, he deducted those items from his tax - and is now willing to pay, if the tax bureau says he should.

One angle is - that gifts are not deductible from income tax, unless made for the purpose of gaining something.