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RESULTS OF FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

THE EIGHTH REGION BOUGHT \$72,555.69 WORTH OF WAR BONDS DURING THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, JANUARY 18TH THRU FEBRUARY 15TH, REPORTS FRAS. FRANCES KING, WAR BOND CLERK. \$30,879.94 OF THIS SUM WAS FROM PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS; THE REMAINDER REPRESENTS CASH PURCHASES.

ALTHO THIS FIGURE IS SLIGHTLY UNDER OUR QUOTA, ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN THE FIELD, REPORTED TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED IN THE DRIVE, RAISED OUR TOTAL SALES WELL PAST THE QUOTA OF 75,508.11.

IN A LETTER TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JESSE H. JONES STATES,

"REGULARLY, UNDER THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF COMMERCE ARE BUYING EACH YEAR IN EXCESS OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS MATURITY VALUE OF WAR BONDS. YOU HAVE EXCEEDED EVERY DEMAND OF PAST DRIVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXTRA BONDS. YOU KNOW THAT SIMILAR DRIVES ARE TO COME. YET IN THE CAMPAIGN JUST ENDED YOU ADDED MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS CASH VALUE TO YOUR PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS.

"THESE ARE MOST WORTH WHILE RESULTS OF YOUR VOLUNTARY ACTION AND I AM PROUD OF THEM. BUT I AM PROUDER STILL OF THE SELF-IMPOSED SACRIFICES AND DETERMINED EFFORT IT HAS TAKEN AND WILL TAKE TO SUSTAIN THIS EXCELLENT RECORD."

CAA CONTRIBUTES GENEROUSLY TO RED CROSS DRIVE

WITH COLLECTIONS STILL INCOMPLETE, THE ANCHORAGE OFFICE AND FIELD STATIONS LOCATED IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION HAVE CONTRIBUTED THUS FAR TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE FOR 1944 THE SUM OF \$1,026.75, NEARLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT COLLECTED LAST YEAR. CONTRIBUTIONS WERE, IN SOME CASES, UNUSUALLY LARGE, AND YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL RED CROSS OFFICIALS.

CHARLOTTE R. ALDRIDGE
RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE

COMMUNICATE (ION) (IONS) (OR), HISTORY OF

TREADING WEARILY ALONG IN THE FOOT PRINTS LEFT IMPRINTED IN THE SANDS OF TIME IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK, WE OLLARED OUR SLUMBER-LADEN EYES TO CAST A GLANCE NEON FAR DISTANT SHORES, AND NOT UNLIKE THE SPECIES URSIONE, WE EMIT A GROWL, SNAKE OUR SHAGGY HAIR, PARTAKE OF A SALET, INBIDE OF A SALEA-TUS, AND PROCEED FORTH AT THE VERY FIRST SIGN OF SPRING TO PLAGUE THE BIRDS, BEES, TREES, AND CHICKADEES.

AFTER OUR SLUMBERS WE BEGAN REFLECTING UPON PAST HISTORY AND WE STUBLED UPON AN ERRORE CICA THE BIRTH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, WHEREIN IS RECORDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, OR THE COMING-TO-LIFE OF, THE GENUS "OPERATOR", HYPERMATED BY AND USED INTERCHANGEBLY WITH THE WORDS "RADIO" AND "WIRELESS"; ALSO SOMETIMES USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH "DOPE", "GENIUS", ETC. THE SPECIOSITY WE QUESTION NOT.

ANY ATTEMPT TO SET FORTH ON THE LONG AND ERROR STREIN TRAIL OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT MEAVES IN AND OUT THROUGH THE DUSTY PAGES OF HISTORY IS STRICTLY A GAMBLE. COMMUNICATIONS HAS NOT FULFILLED ITS BASIC FUNCTION IN REGARD TO ITS OWN SELF; I. E., IT DID NOT ADEQUATELY COMMUNICATE TO US HOW IT BEGAN COMMUNICATING. HISTORY HAS MANY TORN OR MISSING PAGES IN ITS RECORDS WHICH DEAL WITH COMMUNICATIONS, AND INASMUCH AS THE STATEMENTS EXPRESSED HEREIN BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE TRUTH OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS COINCIDENTAL OR WHICH WOULD SHOW UP IN ANY GAME OF CHANCE, THE VIEWS AND STATEMENTS SET FORTH HERE-AFTER MUST BE TAKEN CLAM GRANO SALIS.

GENEALOGICALLY, COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE GENUS. WITH RADIO, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, SEMAPHONE, ETC., AS THE SPECIES, AND THE COMMUNICATORS THEMSELVES READILY FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF THE GENIUS OF THE SPECIES GENUS.

THE FIRST RECORDED STONE CHISELINGS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATOR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN THE MAN WHO LISTENED TO THE "BOGS", THEN RAN TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT AND REPEATED THE WORDS OR GRUNTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LANGUAGE

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CONSIDERABLE OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CONCERN HAS BEEN VOICED IN RECENT WEEKS ON THE SUBJECT OF DRAFT DEFERMENTS IN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES. NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED NUMEROUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH ON THE SURFACE, MAKES IT APPEAR THAT ALL MALE REGISTRANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 26 WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED SERVICES REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS OR OCCUPATION. NATURALLY THESE STATEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED BY LOCAL BOARDS AND BY APPEAL BOARDS, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THESE SOURCES THAT A NUMBER OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN RECLASSIFIED TO 1-B. SELECTIVE SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY OUR PERSONNEL IN THESE AGE GROUPS DIRECTING THEM TO SUBMIT TO PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS. THIS FACTOR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY OUR PEOPLE AS PARAMOUNT TO INDUCTION, WHEREAS IN REALITY A PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE EMPLOYER MAY FILE APPEAL FROM THE LOCAL BOARD'S CLASSIFICATION.

THIS OFFICE AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE CONSISTENTLY ADVISED ALL CAA PERSONNEL THAT ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE IN THEIR BEHALF TO OBTAIN CONTINUED DEFERMENTS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES ON THE CRITICAL MANPOWER LIST. WE HAVE CONSTANTLY URGED ALL PERSONNEL TO REMAIN ON THEIR ASSIGNED JOBS REGARDLESS OF INITIAL INDICATIONS AND UNTIL EVERY EFFORT ON THEIR BEHALF HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE WITH OUR FULL AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE THAT PERSONAL UNREST WOULD STILL EXIST, BUT WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES WERE DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE WAR EFFORT IN THE POSITIONS WHICH THEY OCCUPY. THIS OPINION HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED IN A RECENT JOINT LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FROM THE SECRETARIES OF WAR AND NAVY, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO EACH FIELD STATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

IN CLOSING, MIGHT I AGAIN URGE ALL MALE EMPLOYEES OF THE EIGHTH REGION TO STAY ON THEIR PRESENT JOBS AND PERFORM THEIR ASSIGNED DUTIES TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE CONFUSION WHICH MAY NOW BE IN THEIR MINDS DUE TO THE CONTRADICTORY AND INDEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT NOW RUMORED OR CONTAINED IN PRESS AND RADIO RELEASES.

---W. P. PLETT, ACTING REGIONAL MANAGER

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS SEVERAL NEWCOMERS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE PERSONNEL AT THE HANGAR -- STANLEY E. WELLMAN, RECENTLY AT NEW CALEDONIA, W. S. (SPRATT) GOWDY FROM TEXAS, HELEN GULLINGS OF MONTANA BUT MORE RECENTLY OF SEATTLE.

DURING OUR LAST COLD SPELL SPRATT WAS PROPERLY INTRODUCED TO ALASKA SPRINGTIME ACCORDING TO MITT PARVIN'S CONCEPTION OF IT. SPRATT HAD QUITE FREQUENTLY COMPARED A TEXAS WINTER AS BEING NO COLDER THAN THIS ALASKA WEATHER. CAME THE DROP IN TEMPERATURE AND THE DOUGLASS HAD TO BE SERVICED OUTSIDE. SPRATT'S FINAL COMMENT, "I'LL BET A FELLOW COULD DRINK A QUART OF STRAIGHT WHISKEY AND NEVER FEEL IT."

NC 5 HAS TAKEN TO THE AIR AGAIN AND WE HOPE WILL STAY THERE FOR A WHILE.

AL HORNING LEFT IN THE CESSNA LAST WEEK FOR WICHITA. IF ALL GOES WELL, THE NEXT ISSUE OF MUKLUK WILL CONTAIN AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE HEATING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE HANGAR SINCE FRED AND JIM FINISHED PUTTING IN THE AIR DUCTS AND CEILING. NOW IF SOME KIND SOUL WOULD PUT AN EXTENSION ON THE CHIMNEY BEFORE WE'RE ALL BURIED IN ASH AND HAVE CONTRACTED INDUSTRIAL SILICOSIS (LUNG DISEASE THAT MINERS OFTEN GET) WE COULD THINK UP SOMETHING NEW TO GRIPE ABOUT.

LAURENCE NICHOLSON LEFT FOR SEATTLE, WHERE HE EXPECTS TO JOIN THE NAVY. LAURENCE HAD BEEN WITH US LONG ENOUGH TO REALLY BE ONE OF THE FAMILY.

ON ONE OF JEFFORD'S TRIPS TO NOME HE RETURNED WITH A LIFE SIZED PIN UP GAL ALONG VARGA LINES. DAUGHTER JACKIE SAID, "DADDY, DO YOU KNOW HER?" ON BEING QUESTIONED SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT SHE'D BE A NICE LADY IF SHE HAD A DRESS ON.

WILD BILL HANSON IS THE ENVY OF THE LOCAL BOYS SINCE HE TURNED UP ONE MORNING IN A NEW ZOOT SUIT.

WHEN JACKSON MOVED INTO HIS NEW OFFICE HE ALSO ACQUIRED A NEW OFFICE GIRL - NONE OTHER THAN MILDRED HACKETT. CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN JACKSON FOR REALLY KNOWING HOW TO PICK HIS WOMEN.

GENE BERATO DREW THE LIMELIGHT RECENTLY WHEN HIS PICTURE OF "SPARKY" WON SECOND PRIZE IN THE LOCAL CAMERA CLUB CONTEST.

A FEW MONTHS AGO THE HANGAR CREW STARTED BUYING THEIR OLD MAGAZINES FOR THE RADIO OPERATORS OUT IN THE FIELD AND FIND THERE IS A ROWDY DEMAND. ANYONE IN TOWN WISHING TO SEND MAGAZINES OUT TO THE STATIONS MIGHT LEAVE THEM AT "MAIL AND FILES", WHERE WE WILL PICK THEM UP DAILY. THERE WILL BE NO ROUTINE FOR FINDING THEM OTHER THAN WHEN THE SHIPS CAN TAKE A FEW ADDITIONAL POUNDS.

WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS FOR SOME TIME, JUST TO LET THE REST OF YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS SUCH A PLACE AS BIORKA ISLAND, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON AROUND HERE EVEN THO WE ARE OUT HERE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WHERE THE SMELLS ROLL IN ON THE DAYS THE BOAT SHOULD MAKE A TRIP AND CAN'T AND DON'T ON THE DAYS THAT THE PACIFIC IS CALM CAUSE THAT AIN'T ON THE DAYS SET FOR TRIPS. SO THAT MAKES US THE LAST STATION TO RECEIVE MAIL AND SEND IT OUT.

NOW THAT THINGS ARE BACK IN THE GROOVE, BIG CHIEF WILLIAM YOPPI (YOE-PEE) IS BACK FROM HIS INTENSIVE TRAINING AT ANCHORAGE; LITTLE ASSISTANT CHIEF RICHARD F. DEFORD HAS LESS TO GRIPE ABOUT BUT STILL GRIPE; THE BICHELOR AC'S, THEODOR HARHAT AND ALBERT J. BOURCEDIS (BURSHWHAN), ARE TAKING THINGS IN THEIR STRIDE; ALBERT IS REMAINING ANOTHER SIX TO NINE MONTHS; TED IS DUE TO LEAVE ANY DAY AS HIS TIME IS LONG PAST AND DONE; OUR NEW TEAM, MRS. MARGARETTE AND MR. LYLE LERETTE (LA RET), FINISHED THEIR INTENSIVE COURSE OF TRAINING AT SEATTLE, ARRIVED IN GOOD SHAPE AND ARE DOING A FINE JOB. (MAMMA LERETTE SURPRISED US ALL AND PRESENTED HAPPY PAPPA LERETTE WITH A BOUNCING BABY SON SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL ON THE ISLAND). OUR NEW RMS, REX MARCHANT, IS TAKING OVER IN FINE SHAPE, EVEN THO WE ARE SHY A PRE, THO INSPECTOR HAMMARLEY SAYS HE WILL STICK AROUND AND HELP AWHILE. FINE GOING. THE CONSTRUCTION CREW FINISHED A SWELL JOB OF ANTENNAE INSTALLATION, PLUS CLEANING UP, INSTALLING RANGE LIGHTS, ANOTHER STAND-BY PLANT AND MANY OTHER JOBS WELL DONE, SO, ALL IN ALL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SETTLE BACK NOW AND GET IN A NUMBER OF HEAVY LOADS AT THIS INTENSIVE COURSE OF STUDY. "WE SHOULD, IF"...HAT, THAT IS THE RUB. IF - AND THAT LITTLE TWO LETTER WORD STOPS QUITE A FEW WELL PLANNED IDEAS, AND HOW! THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT HAVE COME UP THAT THIS SCRIBE CAN MENTION BUT WON'T. IT WILL ALL COME OUT IN THE WASH.

THERE WILL BE NO LENGTHY DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR ISLAND PARADISE. SHOULD ANY OF YOU REQUIRE THAT INFORMATION, GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. CARROLL. HE LIKED IT SO WELL HERE THAT HE GOT INTO THE HABIT OF WANDERING AROUND THE ISLAND HALF THE NIGHT AND WANTING OTHERS TO GO ALONG WITH HIM. GUSSES HE WANTED TO WORK OFF ALL THOSE BISCUITS AND BROWN GRAY HE LIKED TO CONSUME, OR GET HIS SPRAINED ANKLE BACK INTO SHAPE, CAUSED BY A CERTAIN PARTY FROM THE COMMUNICATION SECTION TRIPPING HIM ON THE WAY TO THE LOCAL THEATRE ONE NIGHT. (METHINKS THE SPRAINING WAS DONE IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE A DARNED GOOD REASON FOR REMAINING HERE WITH US FOR A SPELL. COME ON BACK SOMETIME, MR. CARROLL. THIS SCRIBE WILL FIX IT GOOD NEXT TIME, AND YOU CAN ENJOY A HAPPY AND LONG STAY WITH US).

B. C. N. U.
THE VULTURE

LOST AND FOUND: LEFT AT THE HANGAR IN ANCHORAGE, A CLOTHES HANGER WITH A FIFTH JACKET (OL' VE DRAB) AND TWO PAIR TROUSERS, ONE PAIR BLUE & BERGE AND ONE PAIR GREY.

THE EIGHTH REGION RECENTLY ENJOYED AN OFFICIAL VISIT FROM THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, MR. H. E. HALL, AND FROM MR. C. J. MCGINNIS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF FUNDS AND TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES LOOKING TOWARD THE EARLY ACTIVATION OF THE REALLOCATION OF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE. SINCE THIS REALLOCATION, PREDICATED AND RECOGNIZED ON THE BASIS OF INCREASED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, HAS BEEN LONG PENDING AND SINCE VOLUMES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN CONCERNING THE SUBJECT (TO SAY NOTHING OF THE NUMEROUS SCANDALS INTO THE SANCTUM SANCTORIUM OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL), IT IS WITH CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE THAT WE FEEL FREE TO ANNOUNCE THE ACTIVATION OF A PORTION OF THE REALLOCATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIALLY, PROBABLY APRIL 15, 1944.)

THE PRESENT PLAN IS TO EFFECT THE REALLOCATION OF GRADES IN TWO PHASES: THE FIRST PHASE WILL EMBRACE ALL GRADES UP TO CAF-7, PLUS REALLOCATION OF ALL GRADES AT OVERSEAS STATIONS. THE FIRST PHASE AT INTERSTATE STATIONS, WHEN APPLIED TO THE EIGHTH REGION, MEANS THAT ALL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS NOW HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND POSSESSING CERTAIN OPERATING QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION COMPATIBLE WITH ESTABLISHED PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, SCHEDULES A, D, C, AND E WILL BE MANNED BY JOURNEY EX AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS; GRADE CAF-7. SCHEDULES B AND B-C WILL BE MANNED BY ASSISTANT AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS, CAF-5. IT IS READILY SEEN THAT THE FIRST PHASE COULD RESULT IN THE PROMOTION OF SEVERAL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS RECEIVING PROMOTIONS TO CAF-7, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST GRADE AT INTERSTATE STATIONS THAT CAN BE PROMOTED IN THIS PHASE, AND THUS RECEIVE THE SAME GRADE AS THAT OF THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR.

EVEN WITH THE MEAGRE INFORMATION WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN DISTRIBUTED CONCERNING THE CURRENT PLAN, REVERBERATIONS ARE IN EVIDENCE AS A RESULT OF THE CHIEF'S FINDING HIMSELF TEMPORARILY IN THE SAME GRADE WITH CERTAIN OF HIS SUBORDINATES. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE REALLOCATION PROGRAM IS RECONCILING, I.E., THE PROMOTION OF CHIEFS TO CAF-9 POSITIONS IN MOST CASES AND IN A FEW ISOLATED CASES, CAF-8 POSITIONS, DEPENDING UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FACILITY CONCERNED. COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADE STRUCTURES OF THE PRESENT PHASE AND THE FINAL PHASE IS BEING PREPARED FOR CIRCULARIZATION.

OVERSEAS OR FOREIGN STATIONS, SUCH AS ANCHORAGE, WILL RECEIVE COMPLETE REALLOCATION, CONTINGENT UPON OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATION, DURING THE FIRST PHASE.

THIS OFFICE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE OPINIONS FROM FIELD PERSONNEL WHICH LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT ALL PERSONS ARE NOT THOROUGHLY CONVINCED AS TO THE BASIS OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE'S STATEMENTS THAT WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROPER AND SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF THE WAR, AND THAT OUR SERVICES ARE REQUIRED BY THE MILITARY, AND, AS SPECIALISTS, WE HAVE A PLACE IN THE GENERAL DEFENSE PLAN. WHILE THESE OPINIONS MAY BE HONEST, THEY ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT NOT REALISTIC, AND DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH MORAL STANDARD SO NECESSARY TO COUNTERBALANCE UNREST CHARACTERISTIC OF HUMAN BEINGS DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL CONFLICTS.

IT APPEARS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO PASS ON TO THE FIELD, THROUGH THIS MEDIUM, EXCERPTS FROM AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT, TO THE TERRITORIAL DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE, WHICH SHOULD BEYOND ALL DOUBT SATISFY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS CHOSEN AS A VOCATION SUCH A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ENDEAVOR AS COMMUNICATIONS, THAT HE IS, AS SUCH, CONTRIBUTING MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE WAR EFFORT IN ALASKA. "SHOULD CERTAIN KEY CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL BE INDUCTED INTO THE MILITARY SERVICE, A LONG PERIOD WILL ELAPSE BEFORE ADEQUATE REPLACEMENTS COULD BE TRAINED, AND TRAINING WOULD NOW VIRTUALLY REQUIRE STARTING FROM SCRATCH, WITH A CONSEQUENT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SERVICE RENDERED. AS THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION IS QUASI-MILITARY, KEY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DEFERMENT BY REASON OF THEIR OCCUPATION. . . . SHOULD THEY (THE C.A.A.) FAIL IN THIS RESPECT, SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT FLYING THE ALASKA AIRWAYS WILL BE JEOPARDIZED, AND SINCE SO GREAT A PROPORTION OF FLIGHTS IS MILITARY IN CHARACTER, A DEFINITE BURDEN ON THE WAR EFFORT IS INDICATED. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FAIL IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE INCUMBENT UPON THE MILITARY SERVICE TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THESE STATIONS. THIS IT IS NOT PRESENTLY PREPARED TO DO, AS THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN BASED UPON ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION. . . THIS HEADQUARTERS IS INTERESTED NOT ONLY IN THE ABOVE LISTED PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO IN SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEES AS MAY COME UP FOR DEFERMENT IN THE FUTURE."

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS ARE CONSIDERED "KEY PERSONNEL".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THIS OFFICE FEELS THAT IT HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED IN PAST STATEMENTS, AND WILL BE IN FUTURE ONES, THAT WE SHOULD FOREGO OUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES WITH REGARD TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE DURING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE OUR UTMOST THROUGH THE CONTINUANCE OF OUR SPECIALIZED SERVICES SO LONG AS WE ARE MATERIALLY ASSISTING THE MILITARY.

ALLEN D. HULEN
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
MARCH 6, 1944.

RECEIPT OF YO-OLDE MUKLUK AGAIN BRINGS OUT THE LITERARY URGE AND BEFORE IT WEARS OFF, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO JOT DOWN A FEW ITEMS THAT HAVE COME TO MIND.

FIRST, OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY MUST BE EXTENDED TO JACK "TEX" JEFFORD. HIS IS THE LOT OF A ROLLING STONE. SOMEONE SHOULD TIE HIM DOWN PRETTY SOON, THOUGH, OR OUR BROTHERS OF CAA 8 WILL SOON BE ASKING, "WHO'S THAT GUY?" WHEN HE COMES AROUND. WE HELD A LENGTHY DEBATE ON HIS APPEAL FOR DINES, BUT WHILE ABSENT HE COULDN'T VERY WELL NOTARIZE OUR PAPERS ANYHOW, SO WE FINALLY DECIDED IT JUST WOULDN'T BE A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT.

MRS. KAPLAN'S OBSERVATIONS OF THE TWO HALVES OF THE SAC SCHOOL, AND HER DEDUCTIONS, WERE DULY NOTED. PIONEERING IS ALWAYS ROUGH IN SPOTS AND WE OF THE FIRST CLASS ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR OUR SUCCESSORS, LEAVING THEM NO PITFALLS NOT THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND WITH AN ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED GROUP OF MEETING PLACES FOR THOSE AFTER-THE-SCHOOL CONFERENCES. NO DOUBT OUR DILIGENT EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR SUBSEQUENT WELFARE.

WE'D SURELY LIKE TO HAVE TAKEN IN THAT SADIE HAWKINS DANCE - BUT NOT HAVING THE TIME OFF NOR THE TRAVEL ORDERS, IT WAS NECESSARY TO FOREGO THAT PLEASURE. HANK LALLY'S ABSENCE ON THE DANCE COMMITTEE WAS NOTICEABLE, SEEING HIS BOSO PAL "GEORGE" WAS WELL REPRESENTED. WHAT'S THE MATTER, HANK? SCARED YOU COULDN'T RUN FAST ENOUGH - OR WOULDN'T THEY GIVE YOU A JOB LIKE GEORGE'S, WHERE YOU COULD LOCK THE DOOR?

RECENT ARRIVALS AT FX INCLUDE JOHN A. BOLAND - WELCOME, JOHN - AND MARGARET AND JAMES N. TEALE - THE SAME TO YOU. THE TEALES SAY THEY'RE GLAD TO BE "HOME"; AND WE HOPE THAT ALL OF THEM WILL THRIVE IN THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

OUR CHIEF, ADH, WAS A RECENT VISITOR, BUT HIS SOJOURN HERE WAS MUCH TOO SHORT. WE HOPE TO SEE HIM AGAIN, FOR A LONGER TIME, NOW THAT WE'VE CAUGHT OUR BREATH.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CAME IN JUST IN TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL MUKLUK.)

IF PASTRO, WHO RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH FX ENROUTE TO PM, COULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME AT FX HE WOULD HAVE REALIZED WHERE WE GET THE FINE (?) ITEMS FOR THIS ARTICLE. PERHAPS IF WE GAVE HIM A LITTLE HISTORY OF THIS COLUMN, HE MIGHT BE ENLIGHTENED SOMEWHAT AS TO ITS SOURCE OF INSPIRATION (?)--

EX-CHIEF McMURRAY TAGGED THE "SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH" TITLE TO THIS COLUMN, AND DID A VERY FINE JOB FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS STAY. HOWEVER, SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, WE MISS HIS SENSE OF SUBTLE HUMOR AND ABILITY TO FIND THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT - SO, IT HAS BECOME MORE OR LESS A MATTER OF "MAY THE BEST MAN WIN".

SPEAKING OF FINE WRITE-UPS IN THIS PAPER, WE NOTE THE COLUMN "BEAN SPROUTS" HAS SOMETHING VERY FAMILIAR ABOUT IT. WE WONDER?

DEAR OLD FX IS AGAIN IN THE THROES OF REJUVENATION. CONSTRUCTION HAS JAMMED US DOWN TO THE MERE NECESSITIES AS FAR AS SPACE IS CONCERNED. SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES IN THE FORMER AACB BUILDING! WE WON'T KNOW OURSELVES IN THE NEW ONE, AND SEVERAL OF THE PERSONNEL HAVE THREATENED TO PURCHASE ROLLER-SKATES WHEN WE MOVE. CONSTRUCTION HAS ALL THE SIDING AND MOST OF THE INSULATION TORN OUT AND DURING A COOL SPELL WE WERE PRESENTED WITH:

"TIS THE EVE OF APRIL FOOL'S DAY,
AND AT THE 'FX' SHACK
THE AIR IS COLD; THE ICY WIND
COMES WHISTLING THROUGH THE CRACKS.

"THE BOYS ARE MUMBLIN' IN THEIR BEARDS
ABOUT THE ICY BREEZE,
MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE WORKIN'
IN THE SNOW AMONG THE TREES.

L'ENVOI:

"AND STILL WE WORK AND STAY AROUND
ALTHOUGH WE RAISE A FUSS;
TOMORROW THEY WILL CELEBRATE
THE DAY THAT'S NAMED FOR US!"

(ANONYMOUS)

SEEMS RATHER ODD TO HAVE A MONTH GO BY WITHOUT SEEING ANY NEW FACES AROUND HERE. NORMALLY WE LOSE OR GAIN OPERATORS IN BUNCHES, BUT THE TURN-OVER FOR THE LAST MONTH IS NIL. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A FEW TRANSFERS PENDING, AND THE FUTURE PROMISES US SEVERAL PERSONNEL CHANGES.

IN THE PAST WE HAVE PUBLISHED BLUNDERS MADE AT THE MIKE --- SUCH AS "Y-YOKE, G-CORE" "BETHEL, MITHING", ETC. NOW, WE HAVE A NEW ONE TO OFFER: "G-JUDGE". WE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS "GEORGE", EH, BERT?

SPRING HAS ALMOST ARRIVED AT FAIRBANKS. THE SUN SHINES FROM DAWN TO DUSK NOW, RATHER THAN FROM DUSK TO DUSK, AND THE WEATHER HAS BECOME MILD AND BALMY. THE SNOW HAS BECOME SLOPPY, SOMEWHAT, AND SOON WE WILL HAVE THE FLOODS AGAIN. AFTER TAKING SEVERAL RATHER SKEPTICAL GLANCES AT THE SNOW PILED AROUND WE WONDER IF WE WON'T HAVE TO REALLY "SWIM" THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE HAD A NOTE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MONTHS NOW. IT HAS BEEN OUR INTENTION TO LET EVERYONE READ IT, BUT FOR SOME REASON IT HAS ALWAYS SLIPPED OUR MIND. NOW, HOWEVER, HERE IS INFORMATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN THAT NOTE. TO IT IS ATTACHED ONE OF OUR UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST PENNIES --

"THIS RARE ITEM IS KNOWN AS A 'PENNY' OR 'CENT' AND IS IN COMMON USE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (SO WE'VE BEEN TOLD) BUT IS RARELY SEEN IN THE TERRITORY, HAVING NO MONETARY VALUE EXCEPT AS AN HISTORICAL CURIOSITY. IN THE STATES IT CORRESPONDS ROUGHLY TO THE ALASKAN SILVER DOLLAR IN VALUE."

IF MR. WHITTAKER'S KCAA8 REGARDING A VISITOR EXPECTED FROM WASHINGTON D. C. HAD THE SAME EFFECT ON OTHER STATIONS AS IT DID JIG EASY, THE WHOLE COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL MUST BE IN AN AWFUL DITHER THESE DAYS. THE BOYS AND GALS AT JIG EASY MADE A DIVE FOR THE BOOK-SHELF JUST AS SOON AS THE KCAA8 HAD BEEN READ, AND THEY HAVE HAD THEIR HEADS THERE EVER SINCE. ANOTHER THING THAT MAY BE PECULIAR TO JIG EASY IS THAT WE HAVE ENLISTED THE SERVICES OF JIG EASY WEATHER BUREAU FORECASTERS IN A PROGRAM WHEREBY WE HAVE LECTURES TWO EVENINGS WEEKLY ON THE WONDERS AND MYSTERIES OF "METEOROLOGY FOR PILOTS". WE HAVE THE THIRD LECTURE COMING UP COMING MONDAY MARCH 12TH. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE USE OF A SCHOOLROOM LOCATED IN THE JIG EASY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND HAVE INVITED PERSONNEL OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, ALASKA COASTAL AIRLINES, WEATHER BUREAU, ARMY OPERATIONS AND TOWER TO ATTEND IF THEY SO DESIRE, ALTHOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE A SHORTAGE OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ALL CONCERNED. THE FIRST LECTURE WAS HELD AT THE CAC'S RESIDENCE, ACCOUNT NO OTHER PLACE HAD BEEN LOCATED BEFORE THAT TIME.

THIS SCRIBE HEARS THAT MILLER FROM VICTOR YOKL WAS IN TOWN FOR ABOUT TWELVE HOURS THE OTHER DAY, BUT NEITHER HAIR NOR HAIR WAS SEEN OF HIM. BET FOUR BITS I KNOW WHO THE INVESTIGATORS OF THAT TRIP WERE, AND I DO MEAN "ABBOT AND WOOD". ALSO IMAGINE THERE WERE SOME BIG HEADS THE NEXT DAY.

* OH YES; NEARLY FORGOT. YOU GUYS ON CKT 301. HOW'S THIS FOR EFFICIENCY? JIG EASY RECEIVED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN KQOW BOOKS OUT OF TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN TRANSMITTED FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 27TH TO MARCH 4TH, BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW QUEEN AND MR. BASSLER WOULD BELIEVE IT?

SINCE KOODAK GAVE A BOOST TO THEIR COMMUNITY IT SEEMS ONLY FITTING THAT WE DO A LITTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORK. TO BEGIN WITH, ALL REPORTS AND NUMBERS TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUN DOES SHINE HERE. IN FACT IT HAS BEEN SO DARNED BRIGHT THAT THE MID OPERATORS HAVE GIVEN UP HOPES OF EVER GETTING A GOOD DAY'S SLEEP. THE FLOWERS WERE STILL BLOOMING THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW DROP IS ALREADY OUT OF THE GROUND FOR THIS SPRING. FORTUNATELY WE LIVE IN AN APARTMENT SO WE ARE SAVED THE MOWING OF A LAWN ALL WINTER, BUT IT IS TRUE AS GOSPEL THAT SOME OF THEM ARE WEARING THEIR SUMMER COLORS ALREADY. SOMEONE IS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE THINK WE ARE IN FLORIDA INSTEAD OF A SUBURB OF SEATTLE. OUR ONLY ANSWER IS, YOU SHOULD PAY US A VISIT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

ANOTHER SELLING POINT IN FAVOR OF OUR STATION IS THAT WE MAKE THE WORLD'S WORST COFFEE. GOOD TO THE FIRST DROP, IS OUR MOTTO. WHEN THE FIRST ONE DROPS WE WILL HAVE THE CORONER PERFORM AN AUTOPSY TO SEE IF HIS "INNERS" ARE STAINED AS BADLY AS OUR COFFEE CUPS. IF SO, WE WILL GIVE YOU THE RECIPE SO YOU NORTHERN Sourdoughs CAN SAVE MONEY ON WOLF POISON.

A BOUQUET TO SHEEP MOUNTAIN FOR SUGGESTING THAT THE "DITTY OUM OUM DITTY" HEARD WHEN THE TRAINEE FROZE ON THE KEY CAME FROM SOME LIDS.

BACK IN THE DEAD DAYS BEYOND RECALL THE CAC AT WH GOT A LOAD OFF HIS CHEST. SOME OF IT HIT CLOSE TO HOME BUT IT WAS NOT LACKING IN TRUTH. HOW ABOUT WINDING UP AGAIN? IF NOT, DIG OUT THE SAME OLD COPY AND USE. A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SETTING ON "BUGS" AND THE USE OF FAST "BUGS" DURING FADEOUTS SEEMS MORE WORTH THE CHECKING THAN SOME OF THE THINGS FOUND IN THE BOOK THAT THE CEMO IS ALLOWED TO CHECK ON.

A SUGGESTION TO WH THAT WILL DO JUST AS WELL AS THE ONE OF TWO RECEIVERS ON EACH FREQUENCY. "DROP YOUR HEADPHONES ON THE FLOOR A FEW TIMES." AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT MAINTENANCE SAYS WE DO, AND THEY MAY BE RIGHT. THE RESULT IS THAT ONLY ONE PHONE WORKS PART OF THE TIME, AND NEITHER OF THEM THE REST OF THE TIME. THE RESULT IS THAT YOU HEAR ONLY ONE HALF AS MUCH SIGNAL AS YOU HEAR WHEN HEARING NOTHING. IT ALSO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF WORKING ONLY ONE EAR AT A TIME, THEN BY CHANGING EARS EACH ONE WORKS ONLY HALF A SHIFT.

RULET FROM PM IN FEBRUARY MUKLUK. SHAME ON JOHNNY AND VI FOR TREATING BUTCHY THAT WAY. IF I HAD A CHILD IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE CRAZY BECAUSE PA WAS BORN THAT WAY TOO, BUT PURPOSELY GIVING ENVIRONMENTAL INSANITY TO A CHILD CALLS FOR ACTION FROM SPOC.

THERE WAS A BIG STINK ABOUT THE STATION OF JIG EASY A FEW DAYS AGO. ONE OF THE MORE PLAYFUL COMMUNICATORS DEPOSITED A BRICK OF COMEBERT CHEESE IN HIS FOND MEMBER OF THE WEATHER BUREAU'S DESK. SINCE THIS CHEESE HAS A QUALITY ALL ITS OWN IT WAS DISCOVERED READILY AND RETURNED, WHEREUPON SAID COMMUNICATOR PROMPTLY FOUND A NEW FIELD TO ENDOW HIS CHEESE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY OUR RMS WAS QUIZZED AS TO WHAT THE PUNGENT SMELL MIGHT BE THAT EMANATED FROM THE MAINTENANCE ROOM. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD A GOLF AND HAD NOT NOTICED ANY PECULIAR SMELL, BUT UPON EXAMINATION FOUND THE CONTENTS OF HIS DESK THOROUGHLY LACQUERED WITH CHEESE, A CONSISTENCY OF MOLLASSES. IF THAT CHEESE COULD HAVE MELTED ANYMORE, IT WOULD HAVE FROM THE HEAT RADIATED FROM THE RMS.

BET JIG EASY HAS MORE "RED HEADS" PER CAPITA THAN ANY OTHER STATION, WHAT WITH CAC RED PRICE, RED DYER AND RED EICKHOFF. CAN ANYONE "TOP" THIS?

FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR DOUBTING CAC'S AROUND THE TERRITORY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT PRICE WAS SEEN THIS PAST MONTH IN THE VERTICAL, AND UNDER HIS OWN POWER, AND NOT AS SO MALICIOUSLY STATED IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF MUK MUK.

BY THE WAY, YOU SHOULD SEE KAZRAGIS BEFORE AND AFTER CLIMBING OVER MENDENHALL GLACIER - ESPECIALLY HIS AFTER, AFTER SLIDING DOWN THE FACE OF IT.

DON'T ASK ME HOW HE DOES IT, BUT THAT EICKHOFF GETS MORE STUFF DONE. IN TWO LONG DAYS HE BUSTED THE COFFEE POT AND LATER JIG EASY

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MAINTENANCE UNIT WELCOMES ANN BRENNAN FROM NEW YORK CITY, WHO HAS TAKEN MILLIE'S (MORI-ARTY) JOB, SHE HAVING TRANSFERRED DOWN TO SIGNALS BRANCH OFFICE. ANN IS RESIDING IN THE CAA ANNEX AND DOESN'T MIND THE WALK TO AND FROM WORK. PERHAPS AFTER THE SUBWAY JAMS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO GET OUT AND "STEP".

JAMES ALEXANDER, RECENTLY OF FAIRBANKS, IS GOING TO SETTLE DOWN IN ANCHORAGE. OR PERHAPS WE SHOULD SAY "HIS WIFE IS" AS HE WILL BE TRAVELLING IN HIS NEW CAPACITY OF PRINCIPAL GENERAL MECHANIC (RELIEF).

THEODORE HARMAT IS TRANSFERRING FROM COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH TO THE MAINTENANCE UNIT AS PRINCIPAL RADIO ELECTRICIAN AT NOME. HARMAT HAS BEEN DOWN AT BIORKA ISLAND AS CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR.

TED AUSTERMAN, WHO HAS BEEN SENIOR GENERAL MECHANIC AT FAREWELL FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, HAS TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AT THAT STATION. ROGER MATHESON, THE FORMER RMS, IS OF NECESSITY BECOMING RATHER WELL ACQUAINTED WITH OUR CITY, AS NO TRANSPORTATION BACK TO HIS HOME IN COLUMBIA, S. C. HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

ANOTHER SIX-MONTH VOLUNTEER IN THE MAINTENANCE UNIT TO SEVER HIS CONNECTIONS WITH ALASKA IS NORBERT FLECHTNER, WHO HAS PUT IN HIS TIME AT GAMBELL AS ACTING RMS.

JIG EASY ADLIBITUM
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WAS RCVNO TELNO BRONO AND POWNO AND THE CAC GOES POW POW AND EICKHOFF GOES BRONO INCIDENTALLY L. EICKHOFF IS WILLING TO MATCH BROADCAST DISCREPANCIES WITH ANY TRAINEE ON THE CIRCUIT, AND ALSO INCIDENTALLY IF ANYONE IS LOOKING FOR A "ONE MAN BAND" HE MIGHT CONTACT H. EICKHOFF, AS HE SHOWED UP AT JIG EASY WITH ABOUT SIX DIFFERENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, AND CLAIMS TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE ANY AND ALL. HEAR TELL HE USTER BE A MUSIC TEACHER IN MONTANA BEFORE HE STARTED BEATING OUT RHYTHM ON CAA RADIO CIRCUITS.

YOU CAN TELL BY THE LOOK ON THE FACES OF R. DYER AND V. DYER AND HORTON AND KEUTHER AS TO WHOSE WATCHES THE TRAINEES ARE BEING BROKEN-IN ON. ANOTHER SET OF TRAINEES AND VI DYER AND EVEN RED DYER WILL BE GREY HEADED.

BIESEMAYER OF MAINTENANCE, WHO HAS BEEN OUT ON RALSTON ISLAND LO THESE LONG MONTHS, FINALLY WENT OUTSIDE TO GET MARRIED. CRONE, WHO IS SINGLE AND HAD REPLACED HIM ON THE ROCK, IS GOING NUTS AFTER HEARING OF BIESEMAYER'S EXPLOITS AND WAS LAST SEEN SWIMMING TO LAND. CONGRATS TO CRONE FOR HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT. ALSO, CONGRATS TO JIG EASY SCRIBE FOR SIGNING OFF.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITED ARE THE NEW TRAINEES. NEW SMILING FACES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

VISITORS TO JQ THIS MONTH WERE RALPH THOMAS, B. CARR. WELCOME, YOU 4-5-6'ERS. A VISITOR STANDING OUT BY HIMSELF WAS THAD BRYAN, WHO DID MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF GOOD DEEDS. NOT FORGETTING THAT BOTTLE, TB. IT WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL.

ALASKA PROGRESSES! FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE FIRST CLEARANCE FROM ATC THROUGH JQ TO AIRCRAFT WAS HANDLED MARCH 9. SINCE THEN MANY HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE BUG.

A REAL PROBLEM AT JQ IS, WHERE THE HECK DOES ALL THE SNOW BLOW TO (BESIDES AROUND THE HOUSES)? HOWEVER, THE LAST CROP APPEARS TO BE HOLDING ITS OWN.

THE "LITTLE MOOSE" HUNTING ACTIVITIES HAVE OWINDLED. REASON, TOO MUCH EXERCISE PACKING THEM BACK. (BETTER KNOWN AS JACK RABBITS IN SOME PARTS OF THE GLOBE.)

WORDS FAIL US AT THIS POINT. WILL REPAIR THE TYPEWRITER BEFORE NEXT EDITION.

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JACK REICH HAS PLANS FOR DEPARTING HQ AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE. JACK HAS BEEN WITH RADIO ESTABLISHMENT FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS. HE IS CALIFORNIA-BOUND.

ALFRED WARING, ANOTHER RADIO ESTABLISHMENTER, HAS JUST ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE FROM COLD BAY, BUT WILL TARRY OUT A SHORT TIME BEFORE HOPPING OFF FOR FOREST HILLS, L. I. WHICH IS HIS HOME.

WE SEE DAVE KING IS BACK FROM BETHEL. DAVE IS "SWEATING OUT" HIS WIFE'S ARRIVAL FROM THE STATES.

ALVA BRITTAIN, WHO WILL BE WORKING FOR THE MAINTENANCE UNIT, SPRUNG A SURPRISE BY ANNOUNCING HIS MARRIAGE LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 1 (BUT THIS IS NO JOKE!). SORRY WE DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON THE EVENT.

WHAT'S THIS WE SEE, BRUCE LAHR - YOU RIDING HOME IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK! IS THAT THE WAY YOU GET YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL? ALL KIDDING ASIDE, WE UNDERSTAND BRUCE DOES WALK HOME FOR LUNCH EVERY NOON FOR THE EXERCISE.

GRACE LARUM ILL

GRACE LARUM OF ENGINEERING DATA HAS BEEN ON THE SICK LIST LATELY, EVEN TAKING A FEW DAYS REST CURE IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT WITH THE COMING OF SPRING WEATHER AND THE ANTICIPATED EARLY RETURN OF HER HUSBAND, WE THINK SHE'LL PERK UP QUITE A BIT.

SOME MONTHS AGO THERE APPEARED IN THE "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH" A REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR A NAME FOR THE C. A. A. HOUSING PROJECT.

A LIST WAS COMPILED AND SENT IN TO THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE F. P. H. A. IN SEATTLE FOR APPROVAL. FOLLOWING EACH NAME WAS A BRIEF EXPLANATORY NOTE. THE NAME MOST OFTEN SUGGESTED WAS "BOOTLEGGERS' COVE APARTMENTS", BECAUSE THIS IS THE NAME FOR THIS DISTRICT OF THE TOWN.

HOWEVER, NONE OF THE SUGGESTED NAMES MET WITH APPROVAL. FINALLY, WE HIT UPON THE NAME "SAFE HAVEN".

IT IS TRUE THAT THIS IS STRICTLY NEITHER GEOGRAPHICAL NOR HISTORICAL, OR EVEN MORE DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO ANCHORAGE THAN TO ANY OTHER COASTAL CITY; BUT IT IS SUITABLE.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE WORD "ANCHORAGE" MEANS A HARBOR; AND A HAVEN IS PRIMARILY A HARBOR, AND A SAFE HARBOR. CONSIDER ALL THE EUROPEAN CITIES THAT END IN "HAVN" OR "HAVEN", LIKE FREDRICHSHAVN, FOR EXAMPLE. THE DANISH CAPITAL, COPENHAGEN, IS WRITTEN IN THE DANISH AS KJØBENHAVN, MEANING "THE MERCHANTS' HARBOR."

IN THE SECOND PLACE, THESE HOUSES HAVE BEEN A TRUE HAVEN TO SOME VERY WORRIED AND BEWILDERED PEOPLE, WHO EITHER HAD NO HOMES, OR WERE LIVING IN SHACKS THAT COULD SCARCELY BE CALLED HOUSES.

THE NAME IS SIMPLY "SAFE HAVEN"; NOT "SAFE HAVEN APARTMENTS" OR ANYTHING ELSE; AND IF ALL THE HOUSES BUILT BY THE F. P. H. A. HAD SUCH HAPPY OCCUPANTS AS THESE, IT WOULD BE A MORE CHEERFUL WORLD.

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE OFFERED UNFAVORABLE CRITICISM OF THE NAME ARE THOSE WHO DIDN'T BOTHER TO SEND IN ANY SUGGESTIONS OF THEIR OWN.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO NAME THE NEW ADDITIONS ANY REALLY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KEEP IT IN MIND.

THE PAST MONTH HAS BEEN NORMAL FOR AIRWAYS INSPECTION. JACKSON OF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS AND THE PILOTS ARRIVE AT THE FIELD ABOUT THE TIME MOST CAREERS ARE TURNING OFF THE PLANE. THE PLANES ARE USUALLY OFF AT 4:30 OR 5:00 THEREAFTER. OCCASIONALLY THEY STAY BACK UNTIL 5 PM, BUT MORE OFTEN NOT TILL 9 OR 10 OR 12 OR A DAY OR TWO LATER. THIS, OF COURSE, ISN'T NEWS - MERELY THE USUAL ROUTINE.

A BIT OUT OF THE ORDINARY ARE TWO OR THREE OCCURRENCES OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS. AL HORNUNG AND THE COSSMA HAVE LEFT FOR THE STATES. AL DOESN'T KNOW JUST WHEN HE WILL BE BACK, BUT SAYS HE HAS NO INTENTION OF EXCEEDING JEFF FORD'S RECORD.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS HAS MOVED AGAIN. THIS TIME THE OLD COMMUNICATIONS SHACK WAS DESERTED FOR THE NEWLY ERECTED CCC BUILDING. FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE PLACE LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE EVERY OTHER CCC BUILDING, BUT INSIDE CONSTRUCTION REALLY DID THEMSELVES PROUD. THE SOUTH END IS PARTITIONED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE HOUSE, AND IS A VERY ATTRACTIVE WAITING ROOM AND OFFICE. PASSENGERS AWAITING THE DEPARTURE OF A PLANE MAY RELAX IN THE COMFORTABLE SEATS THAT ADORNED THE KING CHRIS. BEFORE THAT PLANE BECAME A FREIGHTER. THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM THE OFFICE BY A STURDY COUNTER, SO THAT JUNIOR CAN'T PULL THE TYPEWRITER OFF ITS STALL, NOR EMPTY OUT THE BOTTOM DRAWER OF THE FILE CABINET.

MARION GREESON, AFTER STRUGGLING FOR 5 MONTHS TO SET UP RECORDS FOR THE NEW UNIT IN THE OLD LOCATION, LEFT A WEEK AFTER THE MOVE TO ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND TO NEW YORK STATE. BOB JACKSON AGAIN ROBBED PERSONNEL BRANCH, AND NOW MILDRED HACKETT IS KEPT BUSY IN THE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS OFFICE.

THE CREW OF KING ARTHUR NO LONGER HAVE THEIR SUPPLEMENTARY JOBS AS CHIEF LOOK-AND-BOTTLE WASHERS. RUTH HURST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO ARIZONA AND JUNE GRAY AND SMALL DAUGHTER GLEIDA ARRIVED FROM ARKANSAS JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE THERMOMETER REGISTER A LOWER TEMPERATURE THAN ANY SELF-RESPECTING THERMOMETER SHOULD RECORD FOR LATE MARCH.

WE WANT NEWS

ALTHO WE'VE HEARD FROM NEARLY ALL YOU STATIONS AT SOME TIME OR OTHER, IT'S BEEN MANY MOONS SINCE WE'VE RECEIVED A CONTRIBUTION FROM MOST OF YOU. WHAT'S THE MATTER? THE PAPER SHORTAGE ISN'T SO CRITICAL THAT YOU CAN'T SPARE ONE SHEET A MONTH TO LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALMA GOODMAN TO THE DRAFTING ROOM. ALMA PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN CONSTRUCTION UNIT.

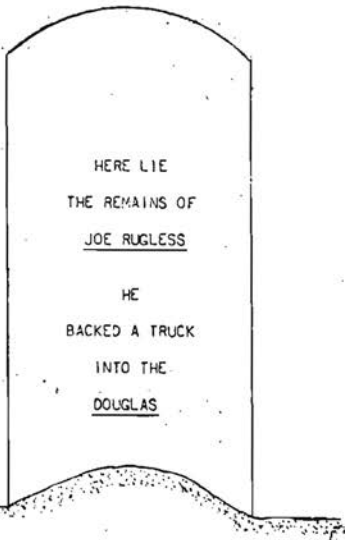
ALSO, CHARLEY WERNECKE IS BACK FROM YAKUTAT, HAVING GAINED CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT. NOTHING LIKE THE OUTDOORS, EH, CHARLEY?

THERE IS ANOTHER NEW NUMBER TEMPORARILY RESIDING IN THE DRAFTING ROOM, KNOWN AS "JUNIOR". BUT WELCOME TO ALASKA, BOB CARLYLE.

AFTER 'DICK DATE'S RECENT EXPOSITION ABOUT HAIR STYLES, THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A CHANGE IN THE FEMININE HAIR STYLES OF THE DRAFTING ROOM.

THE ENTIRE DRAFTING FORCE ENJOYED VI JENNING'S BIRTHDAY LAST MONTH, INCLUDING VI, WE HOPE. IF ONLY WE HAD A BIRTHDAY ONCE A WEEK. BEST WISHES, VI.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ERNIE W. HAS BEEN TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A BIG DEAL WITH FRANK BERRY FOR HALF INTEREST IN A FISH WHEEL AND A COUPLE MUKLUK-CHEWERS. SO THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T SEND ERNIE OUT INTO THE FIELD MORE OFTEN.



TO MR. JACK JEFFORD,
C/O THE C.A.A.,
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

DEAR MR. JACK JEFFORD,

THE PLANE-LODE OF GRUB GOT HERE O.K. EVEN THE EGGS WHICH WE HAD VERY BAD LUCK WITH BEFORE. ALSO RECEIVED THE MUK-LUK TELEGRAM, ABOUT WHICH I'M WRITING YOU ABOUT. MR. JIM HURST PILITED THE PLANE, BUT THEY TELL ME THAT YOU ARE THE PERSON TO SEE ABOUT MUKLUK.

WE ENJOYED THE MUKLUK AS MUCH AS WE DID THE GRUB, ONLY OF COURSE NOT QUITE AS MUCH. BUT WE BEEN SOME PUT OUT BECAUSE I NEVER SEE ANYTHING IN IT ABOUT OUR STATION, WHICH SOME MAY HAVE HEARD OF SINCE IT'S CALLED TANANA, OR KING ZEBRA ON THE AIRCRAFT. WE COME RIGHT IN BETWEEN GALENA AND FAIRBANKS, AND IF YOU ASK AROUND YOU MIGHT FIND SOMEONE WHO HAS HEARD US ON THE AIR.

WELL, I BIN ENQUIRIN AROUND AND THEY TELL ME THAT FOKES AT THE STATIONS THEM ARTICLES YOU PRINT IN YOUR NEWSPAPER AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA WE JUST ROTE IN THE STUFF TO PRINT AND YOU SORT OF CLEAN IT UP A BIT SO WE DON'T SEEM KIND OF BACKWARD SORT OF, AS COMPARED WITH T'OTHER STATIONS. SO HERE IS A FEW ITEMS WHICH YOU MIGHT PRINT. ABOUT A HUNDRED SOULS LIVE IN TANANA, IF YOU COUNT THE WHITES. MABE A FEW MORE, EVEN. THERE AIN'T MUCH DOIN-S. A TALL, TO SPEAK OF, THOUGH THE WHITES HAVE A DOIN EVERY OTHER SATURDAY NIGHT, AND CALL IT THE " " CLUB. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRINT THEY NAME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

THE NATIVES HAVE A DOIN' EVERY TIME ONE IS SICK OR ~~DEAD~~ DIES OR GETS MARRIED, WHICH THEY DO BECAUSE THAT CHEERS EACH OTHER UP. WHEN ONE DIES THEY THROW A DANCE AND A GOOD TIME IS HAD BY ALL.

I GUESS THIS IS ENOUGH, ONLY ONE THING MORE. WE TRIED YORE RESSIPPY FOR J. JEFFORD PANCAKES WHICH DIDN'T TURN OUT SO WELL. WHICH WE BLAME ON THE EGGS, THAT WAS IN THE OLD BATCH THAT CAME BEFORE. THE WHITE AND YELKS WERE ALL MIXED TOGETHER AND YOU CUDDN'T SEPARATE THEM. I GUESS THE NEW BATCH WILL BE O.K. AND WILL LET YOU KNOW HOW THEY TURN OUT.

FOKES BEEN ASKIN' ME 'BOUT MY BATCH OF SOUR-DOW, AND HOW KIN THEY GIT ONE STARTED. I CLAIM YOU CAN'T RITE A RESSIPPY FOR SOUR-DOW, YOU GOTTA LEARN, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO RUIN YOUR BATCH BY WASHIN' OR BILIN' THE JAR YOU KEEP IT IN.

SO EF YOU ~~KNOWS~~ RUN THIS IN YOUR PAPER, AND MEBBE SLICK IT UP A BIT, MIGHTY OBLIGED TO YE.

YR TANANA CORRISPONDANT

FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ALL KINDS OF RUMORS TO THE EFFECT THAT MAYNARD TAYLOR HAS BEEN HOOKED AT LAST. EVEN THOUGH HE STILL WON'T ADMIT IT, WE HEAR IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN SEWARD ABOUT APRIL 11TH -- HER MAIDEN NAME, MISS LAVALEN PEARL BERG -- AND A RIGHT PURTY GIRL, TOO, MAYNARD. CONGRATULATIONS.

URSULA STRICKER COCHRAN AND HER SERGEANT HAD A HARD TIME GETTING THE TRAIN STARTED, BUT AT LAST THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO CALIFORNIA.

WE SAW OUR FRIEND "MOOSEMEAT" MCLEIN FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS ON HIS WAY FROM JUNEAU TO BIG DELTA -- AN ENGINEER WHO REALLY GETS AROUND.

OUR DRAFTING ROOM GURE HAS PERKED UP SINCE THE ADDITION OF MARY BOULDIN. SHE'S JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE ANNE ROGERS BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN AFTER HER VISIT IN THE STATES.

MR. GOODWIN'S OFFICE HAS A FINE NEW ADDITION IN THE PERSON OF LOVELY MARY GORMLEY, WHO HAILS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE -- ONE OF THOSE SOUTHERN GALS THE NORTHERN GALS HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT. IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY IF MARY IS A SIMPLE.

TEXAS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A TWO MONTHS' DISPUTE ENDS IN A COMPROMISE, HERE'S PART OF THAT TEXAS ARTICLE. SEND STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR THE COMPLETE, UNABRIDGED VERSION.)

TEXAS OCCUPIES ALL OF THE CONTINENT OF NORTH AMERICA EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PART SET ASIDE FOR THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO. TEXAS OWNS THE NORTH HALF OF THE RIO GRANDE, ONE OF THE FEW RIVERS IN THE WORLD OF WHICH FOR 18 YEARS ONE BANK WAS WET AND THE OTHER DRY. TEXAS IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY 25 OR 30 STATES, ON THE EAST BY ALL OF THE OCEANS EXCEPT THE PACIFIC, ON THE SOUTH BY THE GULF OF MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND ON THE WEST BY THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND ALL THE REST OF THE WORLD.

TEXAS IS SO BIG THAT THE PEOPLE IN BROWNSVILLE CALL THE DALLAS PEOPLE YANKEES, AND THE CITIZENS OF EL PASO SPEAK OF THE RESIDENTS OF TEXARKANA AS BEING "EFFETE EASTERNERS". THE UNITED STATES WITH TEXAS LEFT OUT WOULD LOOK LIKE A THREE LEGGED BOSTON TERRIER.

THE CHIEF OCCUPATION OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS IS TO TRY TO KEEP FROM MAKING ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD, AND AT THAT THE WEALTH OF TEXAS INCREASED 539% BETWEEN 1900 AND 1927. AT ONE TIME TEXAS WAS SO WILD THAT NOT EVEN THE LAW OF GRAVITATION WAS OBEYED. AND THE CHIEF PURSUIT OF THE TEXANS WAS INDIANS, BUT NOW IT IS CROP RECORDS AND DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES.

TEXANS ARE SO PROUD OF THE LONE STAR STATE

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING -- TR LA -- THAT BLOOM IN THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING. ALL THIS JUST TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE THRIFTY VEGETABLE GARDEN BEING GROWN IN ROOM 231, AND SO CAREFULLY TENDED BY THE ANDERSON-MCDONALD DUET. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOMATOES NEVER WILL DEVELOP UNLESS THE COCKEL BURRS ARE WEEDED OUT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MARIE, EVEN A BLOSSOM ON A BURR WOULD BE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THAT DUAL PERSONALITY OF JOHN BROADWELL'S GOT A REAL WORKOUT LAST WEEK, AS HE ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION UNIT FOR AN AFTERNOON. WHO ELSE, WE ASK, COULD SO ABLY FILL THE SEATS OF 5 MEN AT ONE TIME?

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE EFFECT THAT OUR WARM SPRING WEATHER IS HAVING ON ADRIAN P. R. "SHORTY" LOVELL? HE, TOO, SEEMS TO BE BLOSSOMING OUT -- SLICK COMBED HAIR, FLASHY TIE, ETC. AM CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, AND PARTICULARLY, WHAT THE ATTRACTION IS.

MISS BERNIE BLACK IS THE ATTRACTIVE "ENGINEER" RECENTLY ADDED TO THE MATERIALS SECTION (AS IF YOU HADN'T ALREADY FOUND OUT). SHE HAILS FROM THE SEATTLE AREA AND SEEMS TO HAVE ALREADY ADAPTED HERSELF TO THIS BEAUTIFUL ANCHORAGE WEATHER. SHE ENJOYS HARD WORK, BUT REPORTS THAT HER EVENINGS ARE MUCH BUSIER THAN FROM 8 UNTIL 5. FOR MORE PARTICULARS, SUGGEST YOU CALL 56 AND ASK FOR "BERNIE".

AM JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BET ENGINEER E. I. CLANDY MADE WITH GEORGE K. AND JERRY HOWARD AS TO THE DATE OF COMPLETING THE WILLIAM HOWE POST ACCOUNTING. THE TIME LIMIT IS ABOUT UP, AND FROM LATEST REPORTS, CLANDY IS NOT QUITE FINISHED WITH THE JOB.

WHO IS GOING TO TAKE LEE CONNERS' PLACE AT PETER MIKE NOW THAT LEE HAS TAKEN OVER A DESK JOB?

THAT THEY CANNOT SLEEP AT NIGHT. THE WORD "TEXAS" IS OF INDIAN ORIGIN AND MEANS FRIENDS, AND THE TEXAS PEOPLE ARE THAT WAY UNLESS YOU TAKE A SLAM AT THEIR STATE. IF YOUR FRONT GATE IS NOT AT LEAST EIGHTEEN MILES FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR, YOU DO NOT BELONG TO SOCIETY AS CONSTITUTED IN TEXAS. DOWN ON THE KING RANCH THE FRONT GATE IS 150 MILES FROM THE FRONT PORCH AND THE OWNER IS THINKING OF MOVING THE HOUSE BACK SO AS NOT TO BE ANNOYED BY PASSING AUTOMOBILES.

IF ALL THE COTTON GROWN IN TEXAS WERE BAILED AND BUILT INTO A STAIRWAY, IT WOULD REACH TO THE PEARLY GATES. IF ALL THE OIL PRODUCED IN TEXAS LAST YEAR WERE MADE INTO GASOLINE, IT WOULD RUN A WELL-KNOWN MAKE OF CAR THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. IF ALL THE TEXAS STEERS WERE ONE STEER, HE COULD STAND WITH HIS FRONT FEET IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND HIS HIND FEET IN HUDSON BAY, AND WITH HIS HORNS PUNCH HOLES IN THE MOON, AND WITH HIS TAIL BRUSH THE MISTS OFF THE AURORA BOREALIS.

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OF THE "BOSS" IN THOSE DAYS WAS SUCH THAT HISTORY WOULD NOT RECORD IT, DUE NO DOUBT TO ITS OWN SELF RESPECT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE MUST PASS OVER THIS PHASE VERY LIGHTLY. THE SYSTEM OF ONE HUMAN REPEATING ANOTHER'S YAP-YAP WORKED FINE EXCEPT THAT THE HUMAN ELEMENT ENTERED IN AND ONE COMMUNICATOR SAID TO HIMSELF, "WHY NOT TEACH MY PARROT TO DO THIS WHILE I RESTFULLY REGLINE AMONG THE COOL GREEN FERNS AND PEACEFULLY ENTERTAIN MY SLUMBERS?" THUS, THE STIGMA OF SLEEPINESS DRAPES ITSELF AROUND THE COMMUNICATOR AND THERE IT REMAINS TO THIS DAY.

AGES AND AEONS LATER WE FIND SPEED AND MORE SPEED IN COMMUNICATIONS BEING A PRIME REQUISITE AND HISTORY RECORDS HOW A RULING MONARCH, KING KOND IV, SET UP A JOB DESCRIPTION TO PROVIDE FOR A FASTER METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND ONE WHEREIN A HUMAN ELEMENT COULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. QUITE FREQUENTLY THE PARROT INJECTED ADJECTIVES OF HIS OWN INTO THE MESSAGE, AND AT OTHER TIMES THE PARROT WOULD "BLAB" TO A SLINKY FEMALE WITH SILKEN FEATHERS AND A DOVE-LIKE VOICE, BUT WHO WAS ACTUALLY A SPY, THEREFORE MAKING THE BEARER OF THE MESSAGE A SPY, OR IN OTHER WORDS - BIRDS OF A FEATHER. HENCE THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION.

FROM THIS THERE EMERGED THE GRAPE-VINE, A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE VINES BETWEEN ADJOINING TREES WOULD BE JERKED, THEREBY CAUSING THE OCCUPANT OF THE CONNECTING TREE TO FALL AND LOSE HIS SENSE OF HUMOR, WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE AGE WHEREIN THE RECEIVER OF A MESSAGE LOOKED AT THE COMMUNICATOR WITH AN ANGRY GLARE.

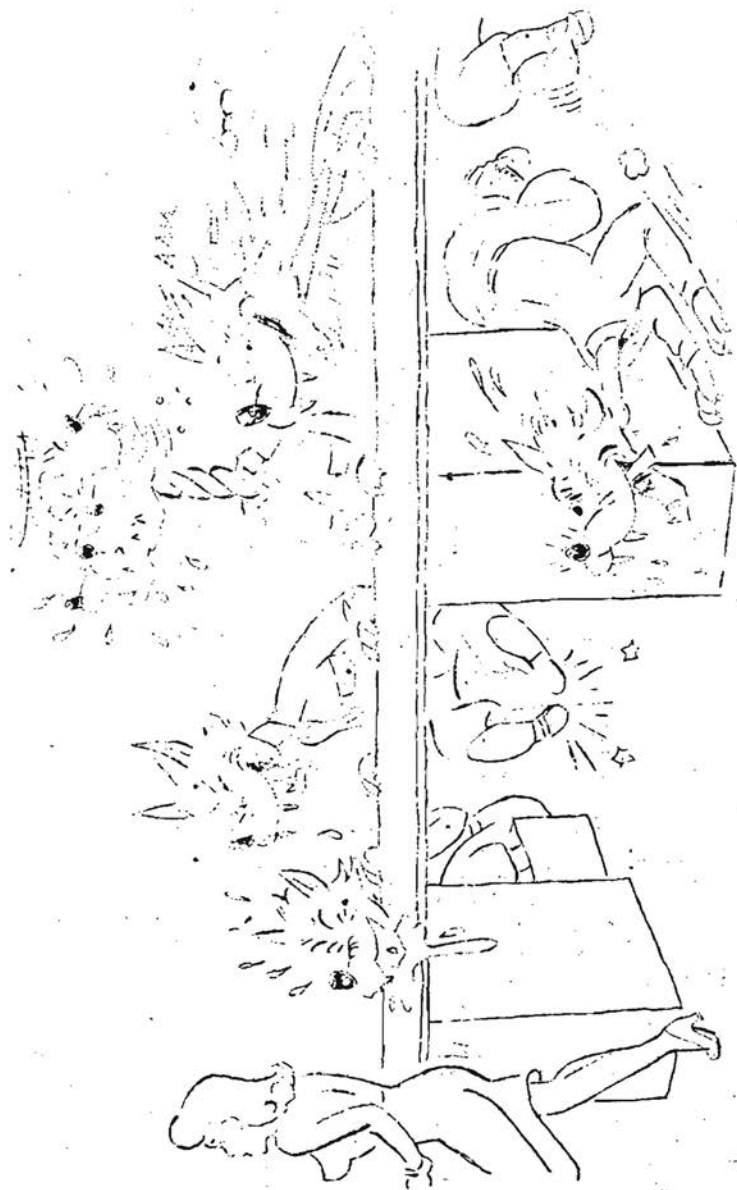
THIS GRAPEVINE SYSTEM FOUND PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR MANY YEARS AND IS STILL IN USE IN MANY COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES AND/OR FOREIGN POSSESSIONS EVEN TO THIS DATE. NOTABLE AMONG THESE IS ALASKA, WHERE A GIGANTIC NETWORK OF 20TH CENTURY GRAPEVINE IS IN DAILY OPERATION, BUT DUE TO THE VAST DISTANCES TO BE COVERED IN THAT LAND, MESSAGES ARE QUITE FREQUENTLY GARBLED AND THE RECIPIENT NEVER TAKES THEM AT FACE VALUE.

ONE GREAT DISADVANTAGE OF THE GRAPEVINE IS THAT THE CONSTANT JUGGLING OF THE GRAPEVINE DISTURBS THE YOUNG, ADOLESCENT GRAPES. THIS HAS A TENDENCY TO MAKE THE GRAPES ANGRY; HENCE "GRAPES OF WRATH", AND AS A "WRATHFUL GRAPE" LOSES SOME OF ITS SWEETNESS WE FIND THE EXPRESSION "SOUR GRAPES" PROMINENT IN THE VOCABULARY OF THE COMMUNICATOR, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO OPERATE THE GRAPEVINE TELEGRAPH.

THE EVOLUTION FROM THE GRAPEVINE TO THE HELIOGRAPH (GREEK "HELIOS", MEANING "SUN" AND "GRAPHEIN", MEANING "TO WRITE") WAS A NATURAL, JUST AS 5 AND 6 SPOTS SIGNIFY ALL GRAYVY ON THE FIRST ROLL (DO YOU WANT BUTTER ON IT TOO?).

THE GREEKS USED THE HELIOGRAPH TO A GREAT EXTENT, AS WE FIND THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT, BUT THE USE OF THE HELIOGRAPH HAD ITS LIMITATIONS, MOSTLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT A SUN WAS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE ILLUMINATING FACTOR, AND IN MUCH AS THE WEATHER BUREAU OF THAT DAY HAD NOT ATTAINED THEIR PRESENT HIGH STATE OF PERFECTION, WE FIND THAT QUITE FREQUENTLY WHEN IT WAS SOON TO SEND AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE THERE WAS NO SUN. OTHER COUNTRIES USED THE HELIOGRAPH, AMONG THOSE BEING THE COUNTRIES WHERE THE WORD FOR "SUN" IS "SOL". LATER THE EGYPTIANS STARTED USING HELIOGRAPHS AND AS THEY COULD NOT PRONOUNCE "SOL" PROPERLY, THE WORD WAS SLURRED INTO SOMETHING THAT SOUNDED LIKE "SOAP", HENCE THE COMMON EXPRESSION "NO MESSAGE, NO SOAP", MEANING THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD NO SUN.

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