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## Alaskan Cities Swell to Call Of Boom-time

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Thousands of persons have been pouring into Alaska since the first signs of spring—lured by the prospects of the big military boom.

In March and April alone, about 9,000 passed to the jun-

tion on the Alaska Highway. That doesn't count the additional volume by ship and air. Many who have come in quest of the gold dust of a new Alaska era have become discouraged and returned to the United States.

But cities like Fairbanks and Anchorage are swollen by the thousands. The best estimates here are that there are from 3,000 to 6,000 invaders.

Many of the new arrivals are living in trailer camps, truck homes and even in tents. Some sleep in their cars. New trailer colonies have sprung up all over the area.

The Daily News-Miner reports that probably close to 20,000 people are now living in Fairbanks and its immediate suburbs. The 1950 census for the city of Fairbanks, itself was 5,771.

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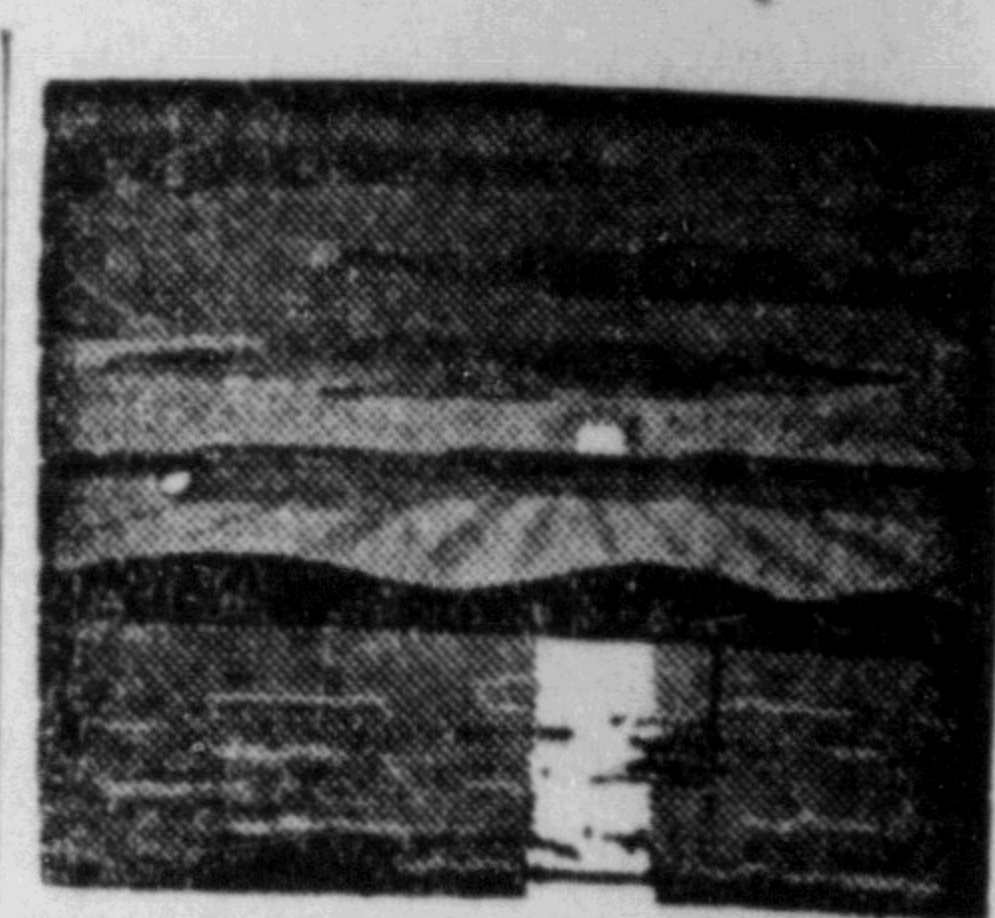
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## RCN Deserter Arrested For Knife Holdup

VANCOUVER (C) — A Royal Canadian Navy deserter, aged 18, was one of two suspects arrested by Vancouver police for investigation in connection with the spring-knife holdups of two taxi drivers.

The RCN rating and his 18-year-old companion were picked up a few minutes after two youths with a spring-knife held up Mrs. Wilma Fowlow, taxi driver, wife of Prowler Officer Sam Fowlow, and robbed her of her taxi in Stanley Park.



## WATERFRONT - - WHIFFS

Top engineers of the Dominion Department of Fisheries returned to Prince Rupert this morning from the scene of the disastrous Babine River slide.

The group, which left here May 26 to view the damage caused by a rockslide last year, met leaders of the salmon industry on their return to advise them of plans to clear the obstruction.

While there was no announcement of the results of the trip to the scene, it was learned that because of the great damage, it may take several years before the river is cleared enough to allow salmon to make their way freely upon the river.

Among those who returned from the inspection were Milo Bell, former chairman of the International Sockeye Salmon Commission, of Blaine, Washington; Charles Clay of Vancouver, chief engineer for B.C. Dominion Department of Fisheries; Jack Dyson, Prince Rupert engineer; Rod Hurston of Vancouver, chief biologist of the department; John Stokes of Prince Rupert, and E. (Ted) Pretious, professor of hydraulics at the University of B.C.

A new ship with an old name the MV Capilano, has got down to business on the north coast. Since her original construction, she has become equipped with the most modern of navigation facilities. There has been extensive remodelling and conditioning. She has an overall length of 151 feet. Master is Captain W. B. McCartney and chief engineer John Goodall.

The covered barges now being made use of in transporting paper from northern pulp and paper mills must be prepared to stand up to wild weather from time to time. The use of water-proof-glue plywood by ship builders is beginning to find its way into near everything from dinghies to prefabricated ships' cabins, and from floats to tanks for drydocks.

Largely for replacement purposes along larger and more modernized lines, four salmon gillnet boats have recently been completed on this coast. All are

of larger and improved design with great mobility and increased sea-worthiness.

Living conditions aboard ship are vastly more up to date and comfortable. All this has come about through the general expansion seen in the north and all round development going on in Central British Columbia, Kitimat, Skeena and south to Vancouver.

That veteran of scenic seas, the steamship Prince Rupert, has resumed regular service between Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Ketchikan with Captain Eccles as her skipper. The larger and younger liner, the Prince George, Captain Caldwell, passes up Prince Rupert most of mid-summer to plough Alaska's blue inlets and listen to the enthused exchanges of tourists from all over the continent.

Some of them feel, doubtless, that if they can't really behold Soapy Smith they will at least see his grave at Skagway, which is barely an hour's hike from the dock where the Prince George ties up.

Like to read a few facts about halibut, as well as cat fish? The age of maturity of females is eight to sixteen years with an average of twelve, while that of the males is earlier. Males may attain a weight of forty pounds and an age of twenty-five years. Females may weigh as much as 470 pounds and gain an age of 35 years or more. Length runs from four to eight feet.

Scientific experiments indicate herring shoals off Scotland travel a triangular route from the North Sea to the Skagerrak and back north.

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On counting the ballots, if the highest candidate has an absolute majority over and above the total votes cast for all the other candidates, he is declared elected. If, however, no candidate obtains an absolute majority on the first count, a second count is required. Before doing this, the lowest candidate is excluded and the second choices on that candidate's ballot are transferred to the other candidates as indicated on his ballot. If the second count elects no one on an absolute majority, the next lowest candidate is eliminated making a third count necessary. This is continued until some candidate obtains an absolute majority.

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