

## Machinists Ask 25% Pay Hike

SEATTLE, (P) — Planning to ask wage increases of approximately 25 per cent, local 79 of the machinists union will meet February 28 to set demands which they will make on the Alaska Salmon Industry, Inc., this year.

Negotiations between the industry and several unions, including the machinists, have been going on for the last five weeks. However, wage demands have yet to be formally made, pending the setting of fishing regulations in some districts.

The committee will make a report and recommendations at the meeting, I. A. Sandvigen, machinists business agent, said. He added:

"Since price controls went off in October, 1946, canned salmon prices have risen up to 150 per cent over 1945 ceilings. Labor's gain in this period has been 23 3/4 per cent. This year—with the rising cost of living—we intend to seek a healthy wage increase."

Unions in the industry, representing 25,000 workers, received wage increases of 12 1/2 per cent

## Crewmen Plead Guilty; Fined \$500

JUNEAU, (P)—Six crewmen of the freighter Coastal Rambler, changed their pleas yesterday before federal judge George Folta from innocent to guilty on charges of receiving goods stolen from interstate commerce. Each was fined \$500.

Five of the men are free on \$3,500 bail apiece and have left the Territory. They are B. L. Olson and Jack Switzer, both of Seattle; Gordon Leake, San Francisco; Raymond Kiskala, of North Dakota, and Hiram Johnson of Hawaii. The sixth, Raymond Court, has been held in Juneau in lieu of bail.

The change in pleas was entered by counsel for the seamen.

last year.

This year's negotiations between unions and the industry have been slowed down by a jurisdictional dispute between Local 7, cannery workers, and the seafood workers union. The dispute is pending before the national labor relations board.

## Partition Plan Will Fail Unless Backed By Force

LAKE SUCCESS, (P)—The Palestine commission predicted yesterday that the United Nations plan to partition the Holy Land will fail unless adequate armed force is provided to back it up.

The commission, made up of representatives from five of the smaller members of the United Nations, asked the Security council to provide such a force, presumably on an international basis, before May 15.

"The commission," its members said in a strongly worded report issued last night, "has decided to refer to the security council the problem of providing that armed assistance which alone would enable the commission to discharge its responsibilities . . ."

It is charged with ending the British mandate over Palestine and with building the foundations for separate Jewish and Arab states there by Oct. 1.

(The British have said they will end their mandate and transfer authority on or before May 15).

There was no immediate reaction from members of the council.

## ALASKA ALMANAC TO FEATURE NOME BUSINESSES

Pictures of Nome's principal business firms will be featured in the Alaska Almanac, according to Al R. Beasley, representing Tewkesbury Publishers in gathering material locally for the 600-page book to be published in May.

The young publishers representative, with headquarters in Anchorage has engaged Richter Photo Studios for the local illustrations.

The Alaska Almanac will include the revised all-Alaska business directory published last spring by Tewkesbury publishers. The new book will include added features to present every important aspect of the Territorial scene, according to the Nome visitor.

Beasley believes that the tourist industry is indicated as the single most potential economic development in Alaska.

"Tomorrow's tourist will come north as a stopover visitor, with the desire to hunt, fish, and venture farther afield with his camera," Beasley declares. "To meet this phase of interest, the new Tewkesbury publication will include an Alaska Travel Guide detailing every item of information required or of interest to tourists

and business travelers."

Commenting on the success of the 1947 publication, Beasley emphasized the interest shown in Alaska by national business leaders.

"Tewkesbury Publishers sold thousands of business directories—the first complete one of its kind—throughout the United States. At the request of many business executives, the revised publication will include a classified directory of reliable business concerns in continental U. S. actively interested in business with Alaskans. Such a section should be of great value," he concludes, "to Alaska business men who are seeking new sources of goods they must import."

Beasley will be here until Monday. He is a guest at the Wallace Hotel.

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