

THE DAILY ALASKA EMERALD

Egan Refuses to Hire Sherard

By The Associated Press

Gov. William A. Egan today advised Highway Commissioner Sam Johnson he could not "in good conscience" agree to the reinstatement of Thurman D. Sherard to a position of responsibility in the Alaska road program.

Sherard was fired as the director of the State Division of Highways on Jan. 23, eight days after the Department of Public Works announced it would need \$4,000,000 to carry out the state road program for the balance of fiscal 1962.

Johnson was named as Sherard's successor. Sherard was a key witness during a month-long inquiry into the state's road program by a special Senate investigating committee.

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LEGISLATIVE GIMPSSES

By ALICE B. SCHNEE

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Senator Brad Phillips, Republican, representing District 6, Anchorage, was elected to the Senate for a four-year term in 1961. During the two sessions 1961 and 1962 he has served on the following committees: Commerce and Labor, Local Government, and State Affairs; and in the second session, Sen. Phillips has also served on the special highway committee. His active interests in public service in Alaska, and his development of tourist attractions, and deep interest in that field for the future.

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A bill calling for a supplemental appropriation of \$3,963,298 for the Department of Public Works was reported out of the Finance Committee today with the recommendation that it "do pass."

The bill was sent along to the House committee to act on it since the House on October 19.

It was a Finance Committee substitute for HB313, which asked a supplemental appropriation of \$4,000,000 to carry out the state highway program for fiscal 1961 and 1962.

Recommending passage of the substitute measure were Finance Committee Chairman Frank X. Chapados, D-Fairbanks; and committee members Morgan Reed, D-Seward; James Kartulis, D-Talkeetna; Harold D. Strandberg, R-Anchorage; and Walter L. Kubley, R-Ketchikan; and Robert R. Blodgett, D-Teller. Rep. Donald Harris, R-McGrath, signed no recommendation.

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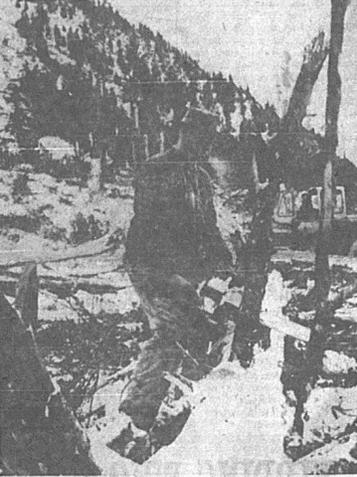
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ROSS WAY, to the right downhill, and Behrends Avenue looking south down the 200 block, photograph taken about 8 a.m. after the wind from the snowslide had twisted and hurled tree trunks and branches onto the streets and into the houses and yards.

The Herdlick and Willis houses are shown with roofs gone. The roofs landed downhill near houses on Glacier Highway with such force that timbers broke like matches. Scapemobile is shown clearing trees and debris from yards and streets.



CITY EMPLOYEES helped in the clearing of trees felled in the path of the avalanche by the great windstorm in the early morning disaster. In the foreground, the north city limits of Juneau, City of Juneau and State Highway.



Highways equipment was used immediately to clear the roads, level trees which had been sheared off about ten feet above ground. House shown is on the upper side of Behrends Avenue near Ross Way.

Weather Report

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ARTS-CRAFTS Exhibitor

All persons exhibiting at the Arts and Crafts Show this year are asked to bring their work to the National Guard Armory between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m. this evening (March 21).

The hours of the show with these giving demonstrations are as follows:

FRIDAY 7:00-10:00 Exhibitor
Josephine Crumrine Liddell 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Mrs. Liddell will sketch some people at the show

SATURDAY 2:00-5:00 p.m. Exhibitor
Max Lewis 3:00-5:00 p.m.
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ALGERIA PARALYZED

ALGIERS (AP)—A general strike by European workers demonstrating their resistance to Algerian independence shut down practically all activity in Algiers today.

Railroad service, public traffic and city transportation halted. Water, gas and electric supplies were cut. Garages and filling stations refused to sell gasoline. Shops closed at noon when the order for the strike was issued. No time limit was set on the walkout.

DEADLOCK DEEPENS AT GENEVA

GENEVA (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko conferred for two hours today and reportedly failed again to break any of the deadlocks which have paralyzed Berlin, disarmament nuclear test ban negotiations.

Rusk told newsmen in response to questions about any change in the situation: "No, I don't see any change."

Meanwhile, at the Palace of Nations the 11-nation disarmament conference met in late afternoon at the insistence of several small nations, with a lead from Britain. They displayed frustration at U.S.-Soviet failure to get disarmament negotiations organized.

A new attempt by representatives of the big three to find a basis for negotiations on a nuclear test-ban broke down. The Americans and the Russians blamed each other.

The three nuclear powers will report their difficulties to the full-nation disarmament conference tomorrow.

Inside the conference itself other basic disagreements on general disarmament were reflected in an American-Russian argument over procedure.

Until Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko agree on a detailed work program, the conference itself will have to limp along without getting down to cases.

Governor Learns Order Suspended

By The Associated Press

Gov. William A. Egan said today he had been notified that an Air Force order concerning the disposal of surplus property had been suspended pending a hearing by a House subcommittee.

At the same time, Egan asked members of Alaska's congressional delegation to join with him in a vigorous protest against the proposed program.

The order would require all major air commands to dispose of surplus equipment either by sale or exchange, with proceeds to go for replacement of the equipment.

Egan said the order "would pose a grave threat to the continued existence of Alaska's surplus property program under Public Law 12."

"Under this program, the state has obtained equipment for use by schools, hospitals and for civil defense purposes."

"The public benefits which have been derived from this program throughout Alaska far outweigh any possible revenues which might accrue to the state by the sale or exchange of surplus property," the governor said.

Egan said he was advising the subcommittee hearings by Rep. Ralph J. Rivers. The hearings will be held before a House Government Operations Subcommittee.

FRONDISI STRUGGLES

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Frondisi's Argentine government is struggling today to put together a coalition government to deal with a nationwide strike threatened by supporters of ex-dictator Juan D. Peron.

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Damage Is Estimated at \$250,000; Debris Being Cleaned Up Swiftly

Damage unofficially estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was done by explosive winds which struck the Behrends Avenue-Ross Way (Highlands Subdivision) section of Juneau shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. The winds "carried trees and balled and powdered snow into the residential areas beyond a knowledge which stopped short of streets and buildings.

Approximately a dozen homes were damaged, some of them severely, automobiles were damaged, trees and light poles were snapped. Houses were shoved from foundations by the force of the wind, roofs were torn off, trees or parts of trees were thrust against or on top of houses.

There were no serious injuries to persons, although one woman, Mrs. T. E. Larnan whose home was badly damaged, suffered minor class cuts. Another woman, Mrs. Edna Mary Rogers, was described as "in shock." She had been sleeping in a bedroom facing the wind and in the direct path of the explosive wind which came ahead of the avalanche.

The snowslide, perhaps triggered by a violent windstorm plunging down the slope of 300-foot Mt. Juneau. Persons in the neighborhood described the sound and fury of the slide and accompanying wind as "like an earthquake."

Rapid Recovery

Rapid recovery from severe effects of the disaster was made during the morning with the help of friends, city and state crews and equipment, power company, ACS. Workers in the area were necessary to remove trees and branches from the houses or from the "places adjacent to them, clean up scattered glass and household belongings, and debris piled up on houses, yards, even within the homes.

Some portions of the down damaged homes are not expected to be habitable until major repairs are completed, but generally speaking the families are recovering from the disaster.

Most of the residents were, of course, asleep at the early morning hour when the disaster struck. The city's fire department arrived estimated at ten minutes or so after the slide; there were still swirls of snow whipped by a powerful wind.

House Starts to Shake

"The house started to shake," said F. G. Nottingham, whose home was knocked from its foundation. "There was a great flash. I guess it was the wires going out. My first thought was that it was an earthquake."

One will of Nottingham's house was blown out by force of the avalanche-generated wind. The front door was blown out and all three windows knocked out and three or four feet of snow packed in the front room.

"I thought it was an explosion," said Mrs. Harvey Wilson.

Back windows of her home were blown out a foot or 18 inches in diameter tossed across the roof.

The bulk of the snow stopped before it hit any houses and the main damage was done by the wind in front of the fast-moving avalanche.

"It hit like compressed air," said one observer.

The slide is the hardest at houses in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range along Behrends Ave. on Juneau's north side.

The apparent cause of the giant slide was a fast wind, estimated at 50 miles an hour in Juneau and perhaps twice that velocity at the mountain top, that blew all last night.

It apparently built up an overhanging snow that broke off and started the slide.

Observers were amazed by the force of the wind set up ahead of the snow. For three blocks beyond where the avalanche stopped, wind-blown snow was strewn several inches deep. It was packed hard in places though it had been there for weeks.

Friends Busy Helping

The 241 Behrends Ave home of Cecil W. Willis, retired U. S. Coast Guardman, now employed by Joe Warner, accountant, was built with friends helping, as were most of the other homes. This home is close to the Herdlick home, but it was not nearly as severely damaged. It also has bedrooms and a bath facing the mountain and the windows were blown out. Storm windows were blown out and the Venetian blinds were drawn and thus glass was not thrown about.

The roof of this home with gable roof and a north-facing window completely off, and there was a large hole in the kitchen ceiling with view of the sky. The full force of the wind seemed to hit the Willis house in the north bedroom, occupied by Mrs. Willis' mother, Mrs. Rogers, who went into shock from fright. After running into the Willis bedroom, she suffered cuts on her feet from glass.

Both bedrooms were in disorder with snow on beds and floors and plastered on all the walls. The wind apparently swirled in all directions with great force, as all the walls were snow-plastered, not just the wall facing the mountain and the gully down which the living room and kitchen were located. A garage on the uphill side of the Willis bedroom apparently shed much of the blast, but Mrs. Rogers' bedroom was unprotected.

The Willis car, parked near the house, was pushed into the outside wall of Mrs. Rogers' bedroom. Also the inner wall of the living room behind Mrs. Rogers' room was blown out left hanging about a foot out from the wall studs, though still attached at floor level.

Mrs. James Liddell, 189 Glacier Ave., just north of Ross Way, said she and her husband were awakened by a roaring gust. The yard Peron was covered with tree branches. The Coles, who have lived there a number of years, said they have felt safe from any snowslide as the grass down the gully is true north

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SPACE COOPERATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States and the Soviet Union begin detailed discussions Tuesday on how they can work together in developing a series of far-reaching outer-space projects.

The talks were arranged at an informal meeting of high-level experts of the two countries following an exchange of friendly letters between President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev.

