

news digest

By The Associated Press

Enforcement begun

In the Gulf of Alaska, off the coast of New England and in waters shared with Cuba, the government Tuesday began to enforce the new U.S. 200-mile limit on foreign fishing vessels. A Soviet trawler, alleged to be in violation, was boarded Tuesday morning. Adm. Owen W. Siler, commandant of the Coast Guard, said he received word of the boarding from the cutter Sherman, but had few details. He said the Coast Guard boarded a 300-foot Russian trawler about 80 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard after the Soviet vessel was found cruising through an area set aside for American lobstermen. Siler told reporters aboard a Coast Guard observation flight that the boarding was "for violating fixed gear location agreements." He said he did not know immediately if the trawler was fishing at the time or if it had torn apart lobster traps or floats. He said the trawler had taken aboard a permitted variety of fish. The trawler was given a written warning, Siler said.

Pantoja committed

Omaha—Psychiatric examinations of accused bank robber Linda Sue Pantoja were ordered Tuesday after her attorney told a U.S. Magistrate that she "has refused to eat or attend to her wound. . . has no recollection of the incident and cannot assist me in preparing her defense." Magistrate Richard Peck postponed Ms. Pantoja's preliminary hearing on charges stemming from the robbery of

the downtown branch of the Nebraska Federal Savings and Loan Association Feb. 19. He ordered her committed for up to 60 days for psychiatric examinations to determine whether she is competent to stand trial. Miss Pantoja, 21, of Kansas City, Kan., faces four federal charges: robbery, assaulting teller Marilyn Minor, taking Miss Minor hostage, and taking another hostage, Omaha cab driver John Workman. She also faces state charges arising from a shootout with law enforcement officers near Nebraska City. She allegedly hired the cab in a get-away attempt, and suffered four gunshot wounds, one to the face, in a shootout when law officers caught up about 50 miles south of Omaha.

Enough gas?

Omaha—Nebraska should have adequate gasoline supplies this summer, according to officials of the Nebraska Gasoline Retailers Association. Executive Director Kennard Gardiner said he has heard of only one cutback in supply to an Omaha station. He said that was caused by a fire at a refinery, mechanical breakdowns and a change in products. He said a normal supply will require a continued flow of imported oil. W.B. Corman of Omaha, president of the association, said he sees the possibility of gasoline shortages if there are problems with imports or production breakdowns, but he has heard of no general cutbacks in supplies to local dealers. Gardiner said there have been some periodic local shortages of unleaded gasoline, mostly due to temporary imbalances in supply and demand.

ASUN agenda

- The ASUN Senate will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted. The agenda:
- Roll Call
  - Approval of Minutes
  - I. Committee Reports
  - II. Executive Reports
    - A. Bill Mueller
    - B. Tony Williams
  - III. Open Forum
  - IV. Old Business
    - A. Resolutions 51A and 51B—student government task force
    - B. Constitution—Japanese Student Association
  - V. New Business
    - A. Electoral Commission
    - B. Government Bill No. 5
  - VI. Announcements



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Requirements met for Bereuter fund

Four of five requirements called for when the Nebraska Legislature appropriated the so-called Bereuter funds to UNL last year have been met.

The funds, named after Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter who sponsored the bill providing the money, were to improve undergraduate studies at UNL in five areas.

According to a report submitted to the NU Board of Regents, the \$850,000 allocated have reduced class sizes, replaced graduate teaching assistants with full-time faculty members and increased the number of full-time faculty members teaching undergraduate classes.

The report also said faculty members hired with Bereuter funds spent most of their time in classroom instruction.

The fifth goal originally called for in the bill has not been met, the report said. The funds were to help ensure that "classroom contact of all faculty devoted to undergraduate courses will not decrease."

According to the report prepared by the vice chancellor for academic affairs' office, total contact hours for assistant professors and above in 27 target departments decreased by more than 2,000 hours or two per cent. The report said the reduction is because of changes in course offerings.

Richard Johnson, assistant to the assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, compiled the report two weeks ago and presented it to the regents at their Feb. 19 meeting.

According to individual department comments in the report, Bereuter professors have brought new teaching methods with them and revitalized their departments.

The report further said that "new professors brought a level of expertise to classes which could not possibly have been offered by graduate teaching assistants."

Johnson said this may be true, but the teaching assistants need teaching experience that Bereuter professors may be taking away from them.

One result not specifically called for by the Legislature has been the elimination of teaching assistants teaching beginning-level courses.

The funds, used to hire 64 people with a total of 296.5 years of teaching experience, are to continue for three more years. Sixteen of the 64 earned their degrees at UNL.

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