

# Fairbanks Unhappy With Gasoline Price

FAIRBANKS (AP) — A Mapco petroleum Co. executive told a large crowd about the complexities of the world oil market, but explained nothing about why Fairbanks gasoline prices are so much higher than the rest of the nation.

Gaylen Simmons, Mapco's vice president of crude and petrodiesel supply, spoke before one of the largest crowds gathered in the weekly luncheon of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

Most of his talk Tuesday focused on the volatility of world oil prices — despite Mapco publicly that he would explain why Alaska gasoline prices have not dipped as much as prices in other parts of the nation.

Mapco-based Mapco owns and operates the North Pole Refinery, which produces gasoline and other products sold in interior Alaska, where energy prices are among the highest in the nation.

"I have nothing to do with local prices and have very little knowledge of what goes on locally," said Simmons.

Simmons touched on local gasoline prices at the end of his talk. He said the Alaska market is more stable than the markets elsewhere.

"Here, we have the lagging crude-oil problem," he said.

Simmons said Mapco does not know the price it has paid for North Pole crude until five days after its purchase.

"I'm afraid you haven't answered the question," said Ken Ull, owner of Kulkok Fuel and Feed, which sells retail gasoline in Fairbanks.

Ull asked what he should tell customers who ask why they have to pay prices so much higher than their relatives in the Lower 48.

"It should be less because the Lower 48 because we're the source," said Ull, who also said he would get his bill back for the chamber meal because he didn't get any answers.

Ull also asked why Fairbanks

# Troopers Policy On DWIs is Reviewed

FAIRBANKS (AP) — Reinstatement of a state trooper level after being charged with drunken driving has prompted the Alaska State Troopers to issue a directive prohibiting its officers from drinking and driving. Trooper Emory L. Naskaook, 39, of Anchorage, was the third trooper in five years to be fired and then reinstated after being accused of drunken driving. He was charged Nov. 7 with driving a white mini-van.

"The state had no clear-cut policy on use of alcohol while using a state vehicle," said trooper Mickey Pullen, a Public Safety Employee Association representative. "We argued successfully that it doesn't make any sense to authorize an undercover officer to drink on the job and then discharge that officer for the same reason."

Pullen said the state now has issued a more stringent policy against drinking and driving. Guidelines are still pending, he said.

The state prompted Public Safety Commissioner Robert Sundberg to review the Alaska State Troopers' dismissal policy.

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"I still think it's right," he said. "I still think officers should be terminated if the influence of intoxicants, I have not changed that policy."

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# Ala ka's Plea Over Oil Exports Gets Support

JUNEAU (AP) — Other oil-producing states will back Alaska's bid to get the right to export North Slope oil, Alaska officials say.

Natural Resources Commission member Robert Wainwright says Alaska's plea to the federal government to remove all export restrictions will be included in a bill of recommendations being sent from six other oil-producing states to President Reagan.

Wainwright returned to his office Wednesday after attending on Gov. Bill Sheffield's behalf a meeting in Dallas of oil state officials.

Governors of six states drew up a list of seven recommendations for the federal government, including the position of a tariff on oil imports, for a portion of a National Energy Policy and reduction of tax credits for oil exploration and production.

"We would like to see, certainly, the

state to allow overseas sales of Alaska oil," Wainwright said in an interview taped by the governor's office.

Identified spokesman John Hillard said the governor spoke with Oklahoma Gov. George Hahn on Wednesday and was assured the other states will back Alaska's request.

The restriction applies to the United States to allow overseas sales of Alaska oil.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Japan Prime Minister Nakasone last week again urged the United States to ease the restriction. Nakasone said during a visit to Washington that the both ways to offset the trade imbalance between the two countries is through the sale of Alaska oil, Murkowski said.

# Peel Trial: Theory Of 'Executions' is Discounted

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — A defense lawyer suggested Wednesday in court that the 1982 slayings of a fishing boat's eight crew members could have been the work of a professional hit man and not John Kenneth Peel.

But the investigator who first looked into the killings aboard the fishing boat, Investigator said evidence did not support that theory.

Peel, 35, of Bellingham, Wash., is accused of shooting the eight crew members the night of Sept. 4, 1982, and then fleeing the boat.

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then, the next morning, quietly peeling the boat away from the dock in Craig a mountainous Alaska fishing village. Prosecutors believe he tried to sink the vessel but failed, then returned the next day to set it afire and drove the boat's sail back to Ketchikan.

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But Miller denied that the evidence pointed away from Peel, who was arrested after investigators spent two years accumulating evidence.

# Preschool Lists Pre-Registration

The 34 preschool is pre-registering for the 1987 school year. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications may be obtained at the Presbyterian Church, 355 Summit

# 'Wanderer' on Move

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An American known as "The Wanderer," held briefly by the Soviets after he trekked across the mountains of Tibet, is apparently still wandering.

John Weymouth, 33, missed a big homecoming on Wednesday night when relatives turned out at San Francisco's SFO airport to greet him.

Weymouth failed to arrive on his scheduled flight from Anchorage and his officials said he didn't board the plane in the Alaska city.

"He was booked and made a positive reservation," said Lynn Hales, duty manager at San Francisco International Airport. "But he never got on the plane in Anchorage."

Hales said he called United Airlines personnel in Anchorage and they told him Weymouth "never even checked in."

Alaska State Troopers searched the airport in Anchorage but could find no sign of Weymouth, according to a security officer at the Anchorage airport.

Weymouth was dubbed "The Wanderer" by people he met as he walked across the mostly wooded tracts of western Alaska. Those who knew Weymouth in Alaska said the tall, blond man generally kept to himself, working odd jobs to earn enough money to keep moving on.

"I have his mother 20 feet away from me. I don't know where he is," Hales said late Wednesday.

Weymouth of San Francisco, was spotted by helicopter Tuesday night and handed over to the village public safety officer on Little Diomedes Island.

Little Diomedes and Big Diomedes, separated by three miles and the International date line, are the closest points between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Soviet vessel Arctic Star traveled to Big Diomedes, which is unattended except for a military outpost.

Weymouth, carrying a backpack and sleeping bag, walked to Big Diomedes April 5 across the rugged and broken ice pack, despite warnings from villagers on Little Diomedes. The Soviet said he was arrested April 4 for violating their border.

Weymouth's hike across the ice capped months of wandering around western Alaska. State trooper Capt. Joe DeTemple, who was in charge of the release, said the tall hiker was a psychiatric worker in Seattle.

The incident on the United States plane was paid for by Weymouth's mother, Estelle Barrett, sister of Stan Cam, said DeTemple.

In an interview earlier Wednesday night, Barrett said her son was too tired when he spoke to him Tuesday to discuss his travels by the Soviet.

But she said he was treated well in the Soviet Union and that she never worried about his safety.

Barrett said she did not know what prompted her son to walk across the border.

"He's a wanderer. He's kind of a loner," she said. "Maybe he had something else on his mind."

Barrett said her son has traveled all over California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

"Text of the street people, I guess," she said.

"I don't know where he's going next. I think he'd like to go back," she said with a sigh. "I don't know if they want him back."

As he stepped out of the large Soviet helicopter, "quite a show," Weymouth told Little Diomedes 124 residents lined up along a steep, snow-covered hillside to watch his passage.

Shirley Proulx, a teacher on the remote island, said Weymouth's walk across the ice set a bad example for her students, who are warned not to stray across the border.

"We're making an object lesson out of this for the kids," Proulx said.



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