

Tacoma: Simon met an Army recruiter who spoke Russian, and the guy talked Simon into joining the Army. He was assigned to Headquarters Service Co., 6th Engineers, Third Division. Stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Buck private and had KP duty lots of times. Catholic chaplain helped soldiers with English, too. While still in the Army he was assigned to Oregon State University to help teach ROTC (became citizen in 1927). Col. Moses put Simon on night duty so he could take classes in the day time. Gave him credits (16 credits). Took some more courses and re-enlisted in Army. At Oregon State five years. Took a degree in mining engineering. Spent two hitches in the Army...teaching and taking classes simultaneously. Got an honorable discharge on March 12, 1927 and another one on March 10, 1930. Graduated in 1930 in mining engineering, and bought a ticket for Juneau, Ak. Had offers in mining in many places but wanted to go to Alaska.

In Juneau Simon got a job as a mucker, dynamiter, etc at the A.J. Mine. Manager then was Metzegar (sp?). Made \$5 or \$6 per day. Governor Parks was the governor then. There were some Bolsheviks in Juneau and they had fights on the streets in Juneau with Simon some times. Went to Fairbans in 1931. Talks about attending church in Fairbanks. Also as youth...very religious people in

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his village. Took several courses in religion in college.

In Fairbanks Simon got a job with Ernest Patty on the Eva Creek gold mining operation. Dr. Patty's son killed in a plane crash flying between Coal Creek to Fairbanks. Ivar Skarkland was a good, good friend. Worked for the Berry Dredging Co....Mastadon Creek; Eagle Creek (in Central area)/ Tells about the telephone system between all the mining camps and with Circle. Mike Dalton (interviewer) reads a column that appeared in the Tacoma Tribune in 1971...Written by Rod Cardwell...feature story on Simon.