

# NORTH STAR III'S FUTURE DIM

## Asks Renewables Be Same as Non-Renewables

By DONN LISTON

JUNEAU — A two day conference to consider statewide policies has asked for renewable resources to be afforded the same considerations already given to non-renewable Alaska resources.

Sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) and the State Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the conference was entitled "Is There a Statewide Fisheries Policy?" That question was answered the first day (Feb. 7), when James Brooks, Commissioner for the Department of Fish and Game presented a recently prepared booklet stating that department's policy.

"It's about time Alaska's fishing resources received as much attention as oil," said Phil Smith, acting director of RurAL CAP. "I'm particularly pleased about the resolution passed by this conference calling for an education committee similar to the one formed to promote the Alaska Pipeline Outside to push the cause of Alaska's fisheries."

The resolution, one of several passed by the conference, calls for Alaska to be considered a separate region for state and federal fishery management not bound to other regional management structures or institutions; that the newly designated management regime be reflected in the National Fish

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## Affirmative Action Plan Accepted

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, February 5, 1975 — Affirmative action plans submitted by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for contracting with minority businesses and for equal employment opportunity have been accepted by the Department of Interior, it was announced yesterday.

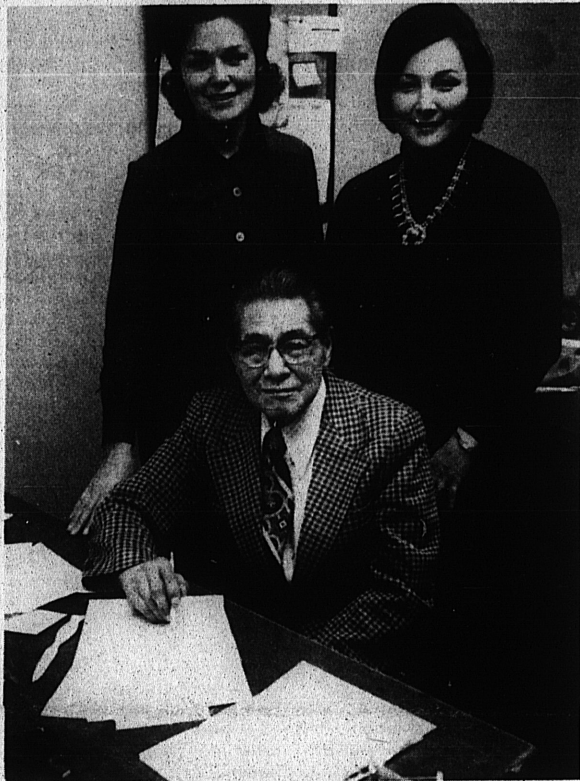
The announcement, from the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C.B. Morton, in Washington, followed several days of meetings here between representatives of the Department of the Interior and Alyeska.

Secretary Morton accepted the goals as fulfilling Department of the Interior regulations requiring equal opportunity on the trans Alaska pipeline project.

Alyeska is the firm responsible for design, construction and operation of the pipeline.

The Alyeska plan for minority contracting opportunities specifies a goal of offering at least \$200 million in contract bidding opportunities to minority businesses. The plan also specifies

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INSTITUTE OF NATIVE ARTS — A feasibility study of an institute of Alaska Native Arts has progressed through the past months. The researchers shown in the picture are Mary Jane Fate, Laura Bergt and Thomas Richards, Jr., not shown in the picture. Mary Jane and Laura are shown with Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times and a member of the National Indian Arts and Crafts Board for which the research is being done.

—JIMMY BEDFORD Photograph

## Arts Institute— Opinions Favor Facility

ANCHORAGE—There is a definite need for the establishment of an Institute of Alaskan Native Arts. It should be an accredited institution offering programs at both the high school and college levels. The curriculum for the school should be designed primarily from traditional Native arts but should also offer training in modern and contemporary arts.

These are some of the suggestions which have been offered frequently to members of the survey team which has conducted a study of the need for a Native arts institute since October throughout numerous Alaskan villages.

The study, which is nearing completion in February, is being conducted by the Institute of Alaskan Native Arts Committee under a grant from the National Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the Interior Department.

Members of the committee include Mrs. Laura Bergt and Mrs. Mary Jane Fate of Fairbanks and Thomas Richards, Jr. of Anchorage.

The committee sponsored a conference in Anchorage on Jan. 29 to explain the background of the institute proposal to representatives of Native associations, private art organizations, and state and federal agencies concerned with

Native arts and crafts and with education.

The primary objective of the conference was to draw upon the expertise of the participants in order to develop recommendations for the basic aspects of the institute proposal.

Conference participants included the members of the Native Arts Institute Committee:

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## Famous Freighter That Serves Remote Villages Suffers Ills as She Ages

By JEFF RICHARDSON

The North Star III, the ship that links the western coast of Alaska with the outside world, is in trouble again.

The threat may be alleviated if Congress acts soon enough to authorize construction of a new ship to replace North Star, according to Donald Dorsey, manager of Alaskan operations for the Alaska Native Industries Co-operative Association (ANICA).

The association is the agent for many Native store businesses in western Alaska, and probably North Star's biggest customer.

During the ANICA Board of Director's meeting last December in Seattle, David Jollie, of the Seattle Liaison Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

indicated to the board the useful life-expectancy of the North Star III is four to six years. Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton has recommended that Congress authorize construction of a new ship.

However, it is estimated that even if Congress moves quickly, it may be five or more years before a new ship can be put into operation.

The present North Star is aging. The ship is of World War II vintage known as a Victory type class.

George Agnasagga, of ANICA's Anchorage office said if the services of the North Star are discontinued, even temporarily, the coastal villages of western Alaska may face an increase in their cost of living "way out of proportion" to the economic problems throughout the country.

Agnasagga just returned from a trip to western Alaska and reported the cost of living is running about 20 per cent higher than the rest of the country.

For more than three decades, three different versions of the North Star, all owned and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, have provided the coastal villages of Alaska, from the Aleutian Chain to Barrow, with a transportation link to the outside world. The North Star has helped compensate for the lack of roads and the high cost of air freight. "It's really hard for the people in the village to support a family

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## Indian Education Act Proposal Is Drawn Up

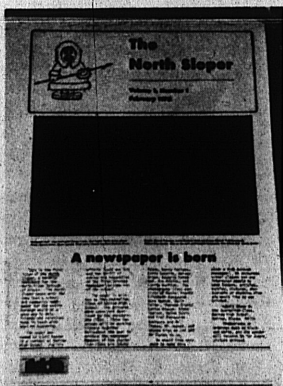
Representatives of Indian Education Act regional parent advisory committees and regional IEA field coordinators met for three and a half days last week at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks to draw up a proposal for rural education.

The \$1.3 million proposal to be submitted to the U.S. Office of Indian Education represents a request for federal funds for the Alaska State-Operated School System under Title IV, Part A of the Indian Education Act.

The purpose of the Title IV program is to "provide financial assistance to local educational agencies to develop and implement supplementary educational designed to meet the special educational needs of Indian students."

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## The North Sloper— A Newspaper Founded



THE NORTH SLOPER

Alaska Press Club, look out! Some future journalists may be among a group of Barrow High School students who have just put together the first issue of a new newspaper, the North Sloper. The paper is jointly produced by the journalism and photography classes at the high school.

The North Sloper, an eight page monthly, is a newspaper "for the North Slope Borough of Alaska." It will serve the communities of the North Slope with news, sports coverage, photos, and classified ads from the whole region.

Layout and design for the first issue of the paper has been done by journalism students at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

John Ullmann, assistant professor of journalism at the university, who has been serving as a consultant to the Barrow students, will be conducting a layout and design workshop in Barrow within the next two weeks. After the workshop, the high school students will be able to prepare camera-ready copy to send to the printer.

The Barrow High School eventually hopes to buy a printing press so the students can print their own paper. In the meantime, the North Sloper is being printed by Commercial Printing Co. of Fairbanks, the firm that prints the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

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