

First Land Claims Checks Arrive...

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to the people forever."

One of the primary uses the money will be put to will be the setting up of land offices to guide the regions and villages in all-important land selections.

It will also be available to research timber and mineral resources, mining possibilities, and organizational costs. For many corporations it will be a continuation of programs already begun in the interim in which there were no federal funds.

John Sackett, President of Tanana Chief's Doyon, Ltd.,

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his two sons. It was their heritage.

Everyone who knew him, liked him. All races, ages, and social rank were represented as they came in droves to pay their respects to his family at their home. Later, they filed solemnly past his bier, many misty-eyed.

Roland Lord knew them all, but he often laughed. "I couldn't always remember their names unless they did or said something funny." Roland had one out-standing quality that separates the men from the boys — humility. He was much too pre-occupied with life and the livin'.

He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. He received more than his share of tragedies in life: fires, floods, hard times, temporary illnesses, and the earlier loss of two, young children.

Yet even in death he was smiling...

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth Peger

Muktuk Controversy...

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otherwise, would condone the sale of bad meat which could result in food poisoning. The question raised is whether equal standards have been applied in judging the "cleanliness" of muktuk as compared to other meat and fish products.

The Eskimos maintain that the harvesting of muktuk is carried out under conditions of care and hygiene that are equal to or better than those followed in any beef slaughterhouse or the decks and canneries of the fishing industry.

A large part of the problem may lie in the fact that there are virtually no laws or regulations which apply in this case, and the state's ruling may have been made somewhat arbitrarily in this vacuum.

Tundra Times consulted with Frank Jones, Director of Game, Fish and Game Department in Juneau. The only comparison that could be found was the sale of caribou meat, which is the only game that it is legal

believes the regional corporations have the obligation to set up a complete "managerial-information delivery system for the entire corporate structure, a continuing information and education as to the final results of the Land Claims Act and what it means to each individual stockholder.

"There's no reason," he said, "to have a corporation exist at all unless the people know they are participants and ACT as participants."

The regional representatives present at the ceremony evidenced a sense of responsibility and a holding-in-trust obligation to the people of their regions.

Senator Stevens said: "These gentlemen here are businessmen in the fullest sense of the word... starting out as heads of corporations which have a substantial base." Each of these representatives," said Stevens, "are receiving the monies on behalf of the residents of their areas."

Stevens spoke out strongly for the AFN. "I am concerned. The AFN may be losing some of the support it has earned. In speaking to you as twelve separate corporations, I also bring you a message for those people who are seeking to divide the Alaskan Natives."

"I was a representative of the TOTAL," he continued. "The central organization of the AFN has served you well. You will be before Congress at least another 10 years (in seeking legislation that implements the Land Claims Bill)."

"I am reminded," said Stevens, "of Benjamin Franklin's flag with the serpent cut in parts: United we stand, divided we fall. I hope the Alaskan

Native will stand together."

Under the terms of the Act, this first payment cannot be used for long-term investments such as stocks and bonds, but may be deposited in a savings account drawing interest. The interest on six million dollars is sizeable even for one day.

As the banks are not open on Saturday, there was some concern as to where the checks could be safely kept over the weekend and more than a little chagrin about the fact that the money would draw no interest for either Saturday or Sunday.

Last minute arrangements were made to have local bankers present at the Anchorage-Westward with the possibility of getting the checks deposited.

Several bankers were on hand but for the most part the regions were not in a hurry to disclose just where they were going to deposit a half-million dollars.

Arctic Slope Corporation, however, announced that they intended to deposit with the Alaska National Bank.

"They have been our friends for a long time," said Upik-soun, "when we were in the red. They believed in us on the come and by golly, we'll deal with them AFTER the come."

Cook Inlet Region, Inc., scooped the other regions, flying to Washington, D. C., on Friday to pick up their check. Saturday they joined their fellow regions in the ceremonies which began at 7:30 p.m.

The nine corporations who received checks at the Anchorage presentation were: Arctic

Nusunginya...

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On one occasion he contracted to take the famed Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen to Kotzebue. The story is told that as they ventured forward, they began to hit bad weather.

Ned's experience warned him that they should stop for awhile but Amundsen insisted they go on.

Go on they did, with the result that when the worst of the storm hit, Amundsen, nearly frozen and exhausted, begged Nusunginya to halt.

Ned said, "No, you wanted to go on and that's what we're going to do now." When they reached their destination, Amundsen asked Ned to go further with him but Ned said, quite firmly, "No, I've had enough of you."

Ned's exploits, unlike many men's, did not stop with the adventures of his youth. He was always a man to take on a new challenge.

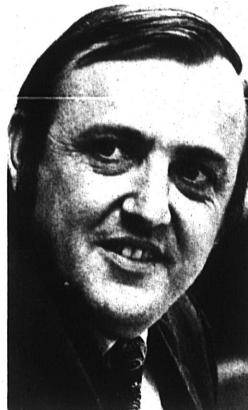
About 1960, the man who had lived a very rough and outdoor life, made an unusual decision. He decided to enter the ministry. Already in his sixties, he entered the Far North Bible School, an itinerant school, with his teacher traveling all the way to Nome to give Ned instruction. Ned supplemented this with correspondence courses.

Rev. Paul Bills, Assembly of God minister in Nome, described Ned as "a good student. He loved to study."

His studies led him to be appointed as preacher on Barter Island and a short time afterwards, the presbytery of his church conferred ordination upon him, waiving a few of the formal education requirements. He was now a full-fledged minister to his own people. He served in Point Hope, as well as Barter Island.

Ned Nusunginya died last week in Barrow, but the memory of the man will remain as long as there is an Alaska.

Guess Announces



GENE GUESS

Speaker Gene Guess, Alaska House of Representatives, has announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat, now held by Senator Ted Stevens.

In his announcement, Guess expressed concern over the state of the American economy.

"We still live," he said, "with the residue of a war on poverty either never fought, or waged but lost."

Guess points to the disparity between the plight of the average family man and the big corporations.

"That family man pays the bulk of taxes in this country and he knows it and it's about time someone reformed the government so it works for him."

He spoke about the critical problem of employment in Alaska and the resulting welfare sit-

uation. "The truth of the matter," he said, "is that people in that situation (unemployment) don't want the welfare payment, they really want work."

Gene Guess has served eight years in the state House of Representatives. In 1970, he was unanimously elected Speaker of the House.

He has helped to guide the passage of major oil legislation which gives Alaskans their share of the North Slope benefits, and has also helped to implement the Native Land Claims Act.

Dock for Kodiak

JUNEAU — The state has awarded a \$408,815 contract for construction of a 4,500-foot timber and concrete dock at Kodiak to Larmar Construction Inc. of Kodiak, Governor William A. Egan said today.

The state project will complement a fishermen's service facility being built by the city of Kodiak near the small boat harbor.

The work is to be completed in late September.

Borough Certified...

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before the Alaska Superior Court in October.

The new borough will receive \$25,000 initially from the state for organizational purposes and has scheduled its first meeting for Monday morning.

Better schools for the area's children are one of the top priorities facing the borough. At the present time the area is served by BIA schools.

Upicksoun said they are planning an orderly transition from BIA schools to borough schools, "so that the teachers, the children will not be hurting."

Boucher congratulated the Arctic Slope people on the election and their new borough and said, "Your work starts now."

Upicksoun answered, "It's been going on since 1966, but now it's more pleasure."

In his closing statements, Boucher said, "The election returns are pretty obvious. The people have spoken."

The Arctic Slope Native people had, indeed, spoken. Unofficial returns indicated that the people had approved incorporation of the borough by about 593 votes to 33.

The victory of the Arctic Slope people sets an important precedent for other areas of the state which look toward future incorporation of other boroughs as development continues in the wake of the Land Claims Settlement.

Harris Changes Stand...

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On another point, Harris stated that if the current legislation also ends the taking of seals on the Pribilofs, then the Aleuts who make their living from this activity must be compensated for their loss in earnings.

To accomplish this, Harris stated his support of an amendment similar to one introduced by Senator Gravel of Alaska which would compensate the Natives by up to 100% of their losses.

"For years this country has paid wealthy farmers and the giant agribusinesses millions of dollars not to grow crops," Harris noted, "We certainly can

spend a vastly smaller sum on the Aleuts to make up for their willingness to end the slaughter of a national resource."

"But we must not only compensate the Aleuts," Harris continued, "we must also provide them with other native employment."

To accomplish this, Harris stated that he was prepared to introduce another amendment to direct appropriate executive departments to find alternate routes of employment for the Aleut peoples on the Pribilof Islands, and to report back to the Congress within 12 months on action taken.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID LOCOMOTIVE SAND

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Federal Railroad Administration, The Alaska Railroad, June 29, 1972 — Sealed offers, in duplicate, will be received until 2:00 P.M., local time, July 18, 1972, and at that time publicly opened in Room 315, General Office Building, Anchorage, Alaska, for furnishing 240 cubic yards of sand for use in its locomotives. This sand must consist of 75% by weight of silica and must not contain more than 0.1% by weight of organic impurities. The sand must be free of clay, loam, mica and other foreign material. Shape of the sand particles shall be angular to sub-angular. Bid forms and specifications may be secured at the above office or by writing to Real Estate and Procurement Officer, The Alaska Railroad, P.R.-20, P.O. Box 7-2111, Anchorage, Alaska 99510 — Telephone NO. 265-2465