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ASNA Requests For Meets with TAPS: No Ans.

Since 1966 the Arctic Slope Native Association has been trying to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System—but to no avail.

The federation of villages of Eskimos on the north slope of Alaska wants to discuss with TAPS "mutual problems vitally affecting the Eskimos who have used and occupied the land since time immemorial."

The 800-mile pipeline which TAPS has planned to build to carry oil from Prudhoe Bay in the North to Valdez in the South is scheduled to cross land claimed by Eskimos on the North Slope.

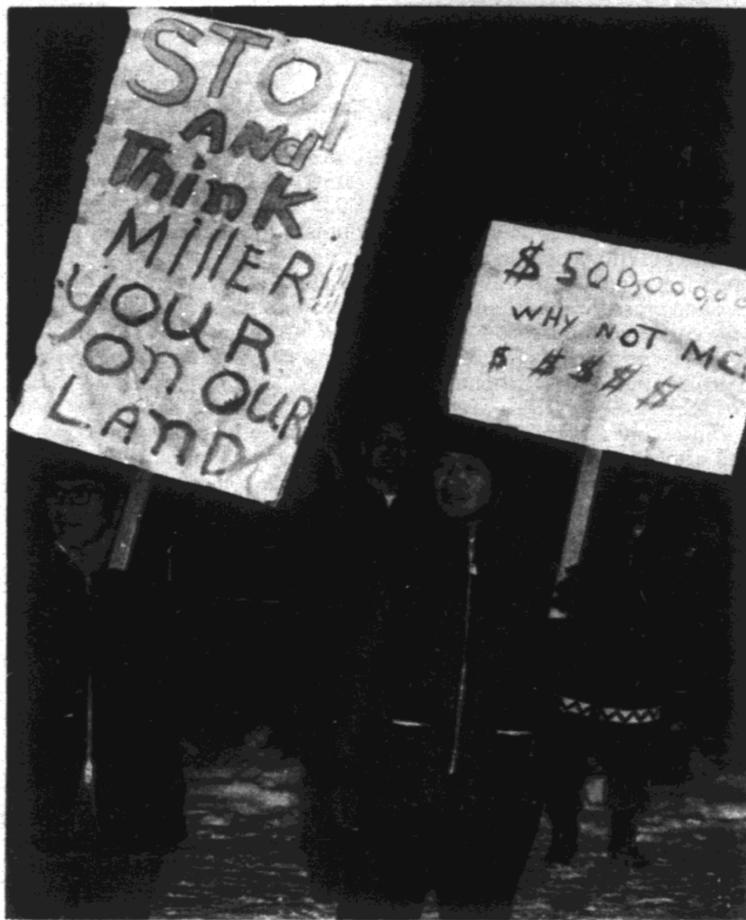
In a letter to TAPS' attorney, Quinn O'Connell of Washington, D.C., a Seattle attorney for the Arctic Slope Native Association, Frederic Paul, reviewed past attempts to arrange meetings with TAPS and wrote that he again invited discussions.

He said that he was offering the invitation in light of a recent decision in District Court in Washington which prevents Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel from issuing construction permits for the pipeline and the haul road over land claimed by Stevens Village in Interior Alaska.

In review, Paul wrote that on April 12, 1966, he sent a letter to eight oil companies and "not one of the recipients responded."

In that letter he contended that the Arctic Slope Native Association is the aboriginal

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ESKIMOS PICKET MILLER—Nome Eskimos did something they very rarely ever do two weeks ago—picketing. The occasion was when Gov. Keith Miller went to Nome to attend snow races. Nome Eskimos were protesting Miller's stand on native land claims.

Nome Eskimos Picket Governor Miller on His Land Claims Stand

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to unavoidable delivery problems, the story of the Nome Eskimos picketing Gov. Keith Miller recently was delayed.)

An unusual group was on hand at the airport in Nome to greet Gov. Keith Miller upon his arrival there for the snowmobile races two weeks ago.

Standing silently with protest signs, some 14 villagers let their scrawled words tell the story.

"Why is \$500 million in the bank when people need houses?" "Stop and think Miller, your on our land." Shape up or ship out Miller." "Go Home Keith."

According to a spokesman the people involved in the protest were not radicals.

"They are simply people who have decided that it is time to speak up instead of enduring things in silence, to act instead of waiting for old promises to be kept."

And one of the protestors: "I don't hate anyone and I don't believe in violence. We are doing this to let Miller and the people of Nome know how we feel. I just want everyone to be treated equally no matter who they are."

And another protestor: "What we are asking is only that we get a fair share of our land and the same opportunity to share in Alaska's future as anyone else. Miller hasn't done anything for us or for Nome. He's just coming

here for a dance."

Staging Nome's first demonstration, they were protesting

the Governor's land claims position, the fact that \$900 million

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AFN to Discuss This And Other Points at Juneau Board Meeting

"A real stunner" was one Native leader's assessment of the land provisions reportedly in the Senate Interior Committee land claims bill.

Other native leaders expressed similar disappointment in that portion of the bill.

According to unofficial reports, the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee has agreed upon a bill that provides: 1. \$500 million over a 25 year period 2. a 2 percent royalty on state and federal revenues from oil and gas leases for 13 years or until the amount is \$500 million

3. about 7 million acres of land of which 3.6 million acres would be granted in fee simple to native villages.

First vice-president of the Alaska Federation of Natives,

BULLETIN: The land claims bill was reported out of the Senate committee on Interior and Insular Affairs Tuesday.

Petruska Needs Bond for Job

Mrs. Betty Petruska needs a \$3,000 bond if Nikolai Village is to have local postal service. She was recently notified that she was low bidder to operate a rural branch postal service in Nikolai but has been unable to secure bonding.

Nikolai is roughly 300 miles northwest of Anchorage. It will have to continue as a star route from the McGrath post office if a bond cannot be secured.

John Borbridge, said, "the land provisions have been a stunning thing."

"From 40 to 4," he added. The AFN had requested that the natives be given 40 million acres of land.

Also, Willie Hensley, past executive director, said he felt very strongly that the land provisions reported in the newspapers have got to be improved. He stressed that he was merely expressing a personal opinion and not that of the AFN.

The Board of Directors of the native organization has called a meeting for April 19 and 20 at Juneau to plan its strategy and

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Lively Session Expected at T-H Convention

Controversy over the manner in which the U.S. Government should distribute \$7 million to the Tlingit and Haida Indians will be aired in Anchorage this week when the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haidas gather for a three-day convention.

Sen. Ted Stevens, who has sponsored a distribution bill opposed by some of the Indians, will address the convention at 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Also, Congressman Howard Pollock will report to the group on Friday at 2 p.m.

Fifty-five delegates from 18 member communities stretching from Anchorage to California are scheduled to attend the meetings April 16, 17, and 18 in the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

Representing more than 14,000 Tlingit and Haida Indians, the Central Council is an organization created by Congress to develop plans relative to the disposition and use of \$7.5 million in judgment funds.

The money was awarded to them by the U.S. Court of Claims in 1968 for about 17 million acres of forest land taken from them by the U.S. Government.

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Convention Commends Tundra Times

The Democratic Central District Convention last weekend singled out Tundra Times in a resolution commending the newspaper "for the outstanding contributions it has made to the State of Alaska."

The resolution was passed unanimously during the Sunday session of the convention. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, the Tundra Times has become an essential means of communication among Alaskan citizens both rural and urban; and whereas;

"The interests of all Alaskans are advanced by its publication and widest possible distribution;

"Be it resolved that the Central District Convention formally recognizes and commends the Tundra Times for the outstanding contributions it has made to the State of Alaska."

Sixth Grader Geraldine Adams Wins Kotzebue's Spelling Bee

By SANDRA SHROYER
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We had our spelling bee at school. There was about ten spellers at the spelling bee.

The spelling bee was through 5th through 8th. The lower grades spelled better than the higher grades.

The person who came in first was Geraldine Adams. She is 11 years old in Mr. Wilson's 6th grade. Her parents are Fred and Elsie Adams.

Second person who came in was Geraldine Nelson. She is 11 years old. Her parents are John and Josephine Nelson, Jr. And she is in Mr. Wilson's 6th grade.

Third person who came in was Timmy Shield. Timmy Shield is ten years old. He is in Mrs. Carson's 5th grade. His parents Harley and Martha Shield.

We had a spelling bee at school to see who would go to Anchorage and try out for the spelling bee. Geraldine Adams won. She is going to Anchorage at the end of April.



GERALDINE ADAMS

Geraldine Adams, and Geraldine Nelson, and of course Timmy Shield, will get a trophy.

If you like to change the letter around you could because I don't write very good stories.