



CARRYING SIGNS—Nome Eskimos saying that they had been neglected too long and not too well considered by Gov. Keith Miller, picketed two weeks ago. During the cool evening, they waited for half an hour for the governor's plane.

Nome Eskimos Picket Miller...

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from the sale of oil leases on the North Slope remains in the treasury while needs of the Natives go unmet, and conditions existing at the Nome and Beltz schools. A January report by the State Human Rights Commission highly criticized operating practices of the William E. Beltz school, a State boarding high school for Native students. The Nome schools have been criticized for inadequate financial support for school plant, equipment, facilities and teacher's salaries. For these reasons, the 14 protestors braved the cold for 30 minutes waiting for the Governor's plane to arrive.

However, the low temperature was probably the least of obstacles confronting them. A much larger concern was possible backlash from some of the people in Nome. As explained by one of the spokesmen, it is not an easy thing to picket in Nome. While the city is about 80 per cent Native, it is primarily controlled by non-natives who run the businesses and churches. People can still recall the days when the theatre was segregated. Thus, when people decided to picket the question was raised: "What will they do to us if

we picket?" It was answered by: "What can they do to us that they aren't already doing now?" And the Governor? According to one report, he "in great form shook hands with some of the protestors then went on inside the terminal." Most of the people carrying the protest signs were from the King Island Village section of Nome which is inhabited primarily by people who have moved to the city from a small island off the coast of Nome. King Island Village has one of the most miserable housing situations in Alaska.

Larry Carr Finds Flaw in Bumper Sticker

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Larry Carr called for party unity and took some humorous potshots at Republicans and his critics in a speech to the Central District Democratic Convention in Fairbanks last weekend. Carr noted that, "By staying together we will be able to do something about the real goal of the Democratic party, which is simply a penetrating concern for people and the quality of their lives." "What Alaska needs in the years ahead is special executive talent geared for the 1970's," Carr said. He unhesitatingly predicted his victory in the August primary. He called the price of Democratic disunity, evidenced in 1966, as having Wally Hickel as governor. "And that's just more than anyone should be asked to pay," the business man noted. Carr called attention to a Republican bumper sticker which said: "Elect Barney and eliminate the middle man," referring presumably to his friendship with another Democrat, Barney Gottstein. "But there's a flaw in the bumper sticker," Carr noted. "It didn't say to elect Barney to what. I hope he's not running for governor."

Miller Reiterates Pipeline Position

While Gov. Keith Miller was in Dallas, Texas reiterating the State's commitment to speeding up action on the proposed Trans Alaska pipeline, a U.S. House subcommittee in Washington, D.C. was requesting a delay in the construction of the pipeline. Speaking at a conference of the American Petroleum Institute, Alaska's governor said, "The state has been doing everything in its power—sometimes quietly and sometimes not so quietly—to get approval for the pipeline construction." While in Texas, he reportedly met with TAPS officials to try to convince them to begin construction of the haul road along the proposed pipeline route. Meanwhile, according to the Associated Press, a letter was released which requested that the construction of the pipeline be delayed until the Interior Department answers a series of conservation questions about the project. Written by the House Government Operations Conservation Subcommittee, the letter was sent to Interior Secretary Walter Hickel Sunday. All seven members of the subcommittee urged the Secretary not to issue a construction permit for the 800-mile pipeline until he has answered certain questions about the pipeline's impact on the Arctic environment. "There is too much at stake from an environmental standpoint to warrant hasty action," chairman of the subcommittee.

Henry Reuss, D-Wisconsin said. Conservationists contend that the 48 inch pipeline carrying hot oil would cause great damage to permanently frozen Alaskan land. In a suit filed by the conservationists, a federal court judge issued a preliminary injunction Monday prohibiting the U.S. Interior Department from issuing a permit to TAPS for the construction of the haul road from the Yukon River to the Slope. In Dallas, Gov. Miller called Alaskans the most conservation minded people in the world. "We appreciate the concern of the people of the other 49 states for the protection of Alaska's environment," he added. But it is most unfortunate that all too often the good intentions of the people work to the disadvantage of our own dedicated people who are sincerely making every effort to regulate proper development. "Over-reactions, expressed in the form of hasty lawsuits and emotional press items based on unfounded rumors, makes our job most frustrating at times," he added. On April 3, Miller said that he was authorizing TAPS to begin construction until the permit for the pipeline is approved. And a recent decision in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. prohibits Secretary Hickel from issuing the permit over lands claimed by Stevens Village. The Interior village claims land over which about 20 miles of the pipeline is scheduled to cross.

Parade, Queens, Too— Gambell Folks All Set to Walk for Hope

GAMBELL, ALASKA—The entire population of this St. Lawrence Island community, some 350 strong, is expected to turn out for the Walk for the Children of Hope Cottage on May 2. Several snow machines, bicycles, motorcycles, and perhaps even a dog team will be in the parade, according to Darroll Hargraves, chairman of the Walk and principal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at the community. The Walk is part of a statewide effort to help the financially trouble-ridden home for mentally retarded and multi-handicapped children. Hope Cottage is located in Anchorage but serves children from points throughout the state. It is the only home of its kind in the state. Under the guidelines for the Gambell Walk for Hope, interested sponsors will pay ten cents to the Cottage fund for each participant in the parade. Other efforts to raise money for the home include a raffle in which there are three prizes: first prize, a barrel of gasoline; second prize, a shot gun; and third prize, a box of groceries. Gasoline, gun and groceries were donated by individuals and community organizations. Prospective winners will pay 50 cents for each chance at winning them. The community has also set up a "whale pool" for Hope. Each participant will pay 25 cents to guess when the first whale of the season will be struck with harpoon. This event has created a great deal of enthusiasm, according to Hargraves, because whaling has been traditionally a vital part of the local subsistence. The winner of the pool will receive a barrel of fuel oil provided by men of the local National Guard unit. The Walk for Hope Queen contest is also expected to contribute substantially to the total receipts, Hargraves said. Vying for the title are Miss Lucy Oseuk, Miss Carol Nupowhotuk, Miss Geraldine Iyakitan and Miss Sarah Kristiansen. Votes for the candidate are cast by contributing one cent, Hargraves explained. There is no limit on the number of votes any one person can cast. The winner of this contest will lead the parade and draw the winning tickets for the gasoline, gun and groceries. She will also receive a number of gifts from the local Tupperware dealer. Members of the organization committee for the event include Hargraves, representing the statewide Walk for Hope; Anders Apass, Presbyterian Church; Rhoda Boolewon, the community at-large; Gerard Koonooka, the City Council; and Ralph Apatiki, PTA. The committee has also set up an information center at the local native co-operative store, with a great deal of interest being generated from it, the chairman said. In an effort to promote the statewide aspects of the Gambell event, Hargraves is seeking sponsors from outside Gambell to participate. A sponsor would pledge so much for each participant in the parade as explained before, he said, but there would be no monetary limit on the amount of the pledge. Persons interested in sponsoring the Gambell Walkers should send their pledges to Hargraves at the community.

Other Walk efforts for Alaska's mentally retarded children are being conducted in Juneau, Seward, Kodaik, Unalakleet, Toksook Bay and Fairbanks. The mammoth Walk is scheduled for Anchorage with student walkers from a number of other communities participating in that effort. Each Walk is organized on a somewhat different basis as applicable to the community. Bob Halcro, chairman of the Hope Cottage Board of Directors and spearhead for the community-information effort the past several months, explained that a goal of \$100,000 has been set statewide. The businessman who took on the job of saving the faltering home for children last fall, noted that contributions from the Anchorage community has enabled it to remain open on a month-to-month basis. However, only an awareness of the problem by all persons in the state and a successful Walk will place the home on firm ground, he said. Hence, the Walk effort has a two-fold purpose: to raise the necessary funds to run the cottage for a year and to inform the public on their immense problem of retardation facing the state. Alaskans have responded in a number of ways, one of which being a proclamation by Gov. Keith H. Miller declaring May 2 a day of Hope throughout Alaska.

Fish and Game Gets Ready for King Crab Patrol

On February 20, 1970, the Protection Division, Department of Fish and Game chartered a king crab vessel for patrol work in the North Pacific and Bering Sea waters. W.N. Bellingar, Regional Supervisor of the Protection Division for Region IV, advised that the M/V Viking, with Skipper Emil Vinberg, was chartered from February 20th through February 28th for the king crab patrol. According to Bellingar, the patrol was necessary to detect illegal king crab fishing after the season closed on February 15th in the Aleutian Island area. "We had reason to believe that some fishermen planned to leave their crab pots on the fishing grounds after the closure, then pick and deliver the crab after registering for the Bering Sea. This would be a direct violation," Bellingar said. Senior Protection Officer Floyd Short, directing the chartered patrol onboard the Viking, reported finding no pots illegally fishing but some violations of unmarked gear. The patrol covered waters from Atka to Unimak Islands, covering both the North Pacific and Bering Sea sides of the Aleutians. "Although no illegal king crab were found on the patrol, we believe the charter was a real deterrent to unlawful fishing in the area. Further patrols of this nature are planned for the future as our budget allows," Bellingar concluded.

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