

Jackson Releases Confidential Report on Claims

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, this week released two reports on the Alaska Native land claims issue.

The claims of Alaska Natives

to the resources and the land of Alaska have been the source of conflict between the State of Alaska, the Natives, and the Federal government for a number of years.

During the recent Senate hear-

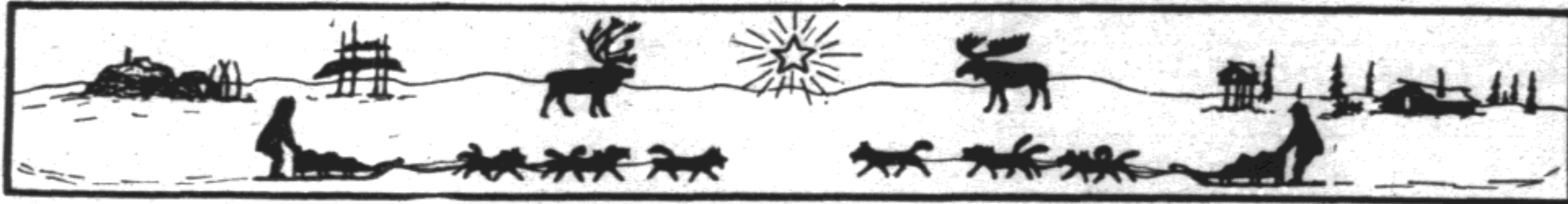
ings on the nomination of Governor Hickel to be Secretary of the Interior, Senator Jackson received Secretary Hickel's assurances that the current "land freeze" in Alaska would not be disturbed until Congress had an

opportunity to resolve the issue. The first report released this week is a confidential report recommending proposed terms for a legislative settlement of the Alaska Native land claims controversy.

The second report is a heavily documented and thorough 565 page study which brings together all relevant information on the land claims issue, the social and economic condition of the Alaska Natives.

(Continued on page 6)

Tundra Times



Inupiat Paitot People's Heritage

Den Nena Henash Our Land Speaks

Unanguq Tunuktauq The Aleuts Speak

Vol. 6, No. 163

Friday, February 21, 1969

Fairbanks, Alaska

RECEIVED
FEB 25 1969

ALASKA STATE LIBRARIES
JUNEAU ALASKA
Ut kah neek...
Haida
Yaunk yawn sue
Speak the absolute truth

LAND GROUP PLANS MEETING



THE MOST REV. Robert L. Whelan was installed as the second Bishop of the Fairbanks Diocese February 13. He became Bishop following the retirement of the Most Rev. Francis D. Gleeson, retired Bishop of Fairbanks. Catholic Laity and Clergy assembled from all parts of Alaska to witness the colorful ceremony. Here, Bishop Whelan is pictured with two old friends, Dorothy

Napoleon (left) of Hooper Bay and Audrey Ambrose of Huslia. Bishop Whelan has known the girls, both Juniors at the University of Alaska, "since he had been a priest." The "halo" above the Bishop's head was inadvertently captured by the photographer during a reception at Boileau Hall following the installation.

—THOMAS RICHARDS, JR. Photograph

Juggled Meeting Date Settled for Juneau Next Wednesday, Thursday

The meeting of the portion of land task force committee that was supposed to have met in Juneau today and tomorrow has been changed to February 26 and 27 in the same city.

The meeting next Wednesday and Thursday will probably talk about the last land bill introduced in Congress, S 3859, and discuss the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska report, a 565-page tome entitled, "Alaska Natives and the Land."

It was originally thought that Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, would call the meet but the latest word is that Morris Thompson of the Governor's Office will handle the meeting.

Thompson will call the conferees, probably 15 members out of the land task force.

When contacted, Emil Notti said the meeting will probably discuss changes in the last land bill introduced in Congress.

"Two major things we are thinking about are the land area

and the amount of money," said Notti.

The Federal Field Committee's recommendations for land settlement have been, 4 to 7 million acres of lands would be granted the natives of Alaska and \$100 million from the U.S. Treasury Department as payment for native rights taken in the past.

The S 3859 asks for 40 million acres and \$500 million. The Federal Field Committee's report, however, recommended that the Alaska natives be given 10 percent share of the United States resource income at the rate of \$100 million a year for ten years, or \$1 billion in total.

The meeting in Juneau will probably discuss the possibility of calling a special conference of the AFN in not too distant future.

"We'll do what the group wants," said Emil Notti, "If we call one, it will be to discuss the final bill before we go to Congress."

(Continued on page 6)

Famous Native Leader Snowshoe Race on

The famous native leaders snowshoe race will again be performed during the North American Sled Dog Championship races next month in Fairbanks. "Look what I've got here,"

Nikolai Plans Celebration

Nikolai, at the headwaters of the Kuskokwim, plans to celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring on March 15. "Nikolai Who te Nadenach" (Going to Have Good Time) will feature a snow machine race, dog races, snow shoe race, wood-chopping, ice pick, and Swede saw contests. There will also be movies and dancing.

The people of Nikolai cordially invite friends from other villages to join them in this celebration.

The Nikolai Village Council is challenging the McGrath Village Council to a tug of war.

There will be a good time for everyone and plenty of room for visitors.

said Emil Notti this week in Anchorage. "I bought me a pair of snowshoes this year and I'll be training from now on for that snowshoe race in Fairbanks."

Emil Notti probably remembered last year when one of the native leaders complained that he wasn't provided with the right kind of snowshoes for the race and after Richard Frank ran circles around his fellow native leaders.

When told about Notti's cur-

(Continued on page 4)

Legal Services May Discontinue Unless \$38,000 Come from State

(Exclusive to the TUNDRA TIMES)

Legal Services, a federal program of assisting people of a low income bracket by furnishing them with attorneys in civil cases, may be in danger of becoming nonexistent unless this group can acquire \$38,000 from the State of Alaska in order to supplement existing salaries of

Gov. Miller Accepts Tundra Times Invitation to Banquet

Gov. Keith H. Miller, Mrs. Miller and Congressman Howard W. Pollock have accepted the Tundra Times' invitations to attend the newspaper's 7th anniversary banquet to be held in Anchorage on October 4, 1969. Gov. Miller was asked to address the banquet audience.

"It will be a pleasure to address this group at the banquet," said Miller.

He said, however, that the date was far in the future and it was difficult to make definite

plans but that he and his wife will make every effort to attend the anniversary dinner.

"I will let you know immediately should anything develop to alter our plans," said Gov. Miller.

Congressman Pollock was contacted personally in Fairbanks, when he was here recently and he smilingly said, "I will be there."

The banquet will be held in the Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom. The management said that the ballroom will hold 612 people but should there be an overflow, the management will allow additional rooms for accommodation.

In view of the probable overflow, banquet plans coordinator Bettie Harrop has reserved the Commodore Room of the Anchorage-Westward. Commodore holds 164 people.

Manager of the Anchorage-Westward, Bob Larson, told Bettie Harrop that he can reserve a block of rooms at the hotel at a special rate for some of the guests of the banquet.

Willard Bowman, executive director of the State Human Rights Commission, has consented to be chairman of the Anchorage invitation committee. Emil Notti and Mrs. Kay Fanning will

(Continued on page 4)

FNA Requests Game Meat For Potlatch

The 1969 Fairbanks Native Association potlatch will be held March 22 at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks this year, Gerald Ivey, president of the FNA said this week.

The distinctive annual potlatch, as usual, will feature native food, both Indian and Eskimo dancing and some games such as blanket tossing and "break the beaver bone."

FNA informed the Tundra Times that an Indian dance group

(Continued on page 6)