



KAKTOVIK—Herman Rexford of Kaktovik on Barter Island, is addressing the Nome Employment Development Conference on December 1. Delegates from all corners of the state, 175 of them, took part in the meeting. Many of the native delegates had

never used the microphone but took to it like a duck to water. Example: Charlie Sheldon of Shungnak said as he was handed the mike, "This is the first time I speak in a mike, but I like it..."

—Photo by TIMES EDITOR



ROGERS AND BOYS—The visit of Will Rogers, Jr. to Alaska excited many people and no less the two Barrow boys being shown by the visitor the book about his father who was killed 12 miles west of Barrow in 1935 while trying to reach the village with his pilot, the famous flyer Wiley Post. While in Barrow, Rogers, Jr. met Claire Okpecha who ran the 12 miles to notify the village that the flyers had crashed.

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to the villagers."

Hugh Nicholls said that the Anchorage meeting basically agreed on the concept of the proposed federal bill; that if all parties agreed, the following ideas were felt to be compatible with the native people:

1) To accept five to ten per cent of the oil lease royalties from the Outer Continental Shelf.

2) To accept a thousand acres per person per village for township with the option to take land and full title, or in trust and have as trustee the area tribal association if so desired.

3) To accept 25 per cent of the revenue of all state selections.

4) To accept the Department of Interior initial grant of \$20 million as an advance on royalties from the continental shelf.

5) To ask that state land selection be allowed to include additional 25 million acres to offset the 25 per cent given to the native people and out of which the native people would receive one quarter share.

6) That if the offshore plan does not go through Congress, the compensation would be for lands taken.

"There is no doubt that the State will benefit by a favorable settlement to the natives," stated Hensley. "On the other hand, I feel that the State is entirely correct in seeking to secure additional lands to compensate the lost time in making state selections under the Statehood Act."

"The State bill would," Hugh Nicholls said, "basically recognize and provide for the native people 25 per cent of the income on all state selections."

"It would also provide for

the creation of the State of Alaska Claims Commission which would be composed of seven members, four nominated by the Alaska Federation of Natives that would include one Eskimo, an Aleut, Athabascan and one from Tlingit—Haida—Tsimshian group."

The remaining three would be appointed by the Governor of the State, one of which must be a native.

Nicholls also said that Deputy Secretary Vaughan made it clear that it was widely essential that the regional groups, or the village groups, who will be recipients of compensation, have plans for the disposition, or investment, perhaps in such things as area development.

"The general principles agreed on in Anchorage resulted from long and serious discussions and debate by all sides," said Hensley. "The entire Land Claims Task Force will be fully informed of the Anchorage drafting committee meeting in Juneau on January 11 and 12."

Nicholls and Hensley said that there was a general good atmosphere at the meeting in Anchorage.

"The momentum built up by the visit of Secretary Udall and that of the Deputy Secretary Vaughan should continue," Hensley said.

He said it was necessary that Washington officials, and others concerned, understand the need for a settlement within a reasonably short period of time.

"The native groups will do everything possible to cooperate with the State and the Interior Department, while at the same time keeping in mind their vital interests," he said.

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residents of the area.

"This guaranteed income and a company-owned boat enables the industry to pay less per fish to the non-residents and makes the venture profitable but discriminates against the residents, puts them out of work, and is in violation of the Anti-Trust laws," said Thorall.

Concerning the percentage of native blood required to qualify for extra points under the Governor's plan, Thorall pointed out that a person born in a distressed area, such as Bristol Bay, might be just a little bit short of the native blood required and still not be able to protect his rights in modern society.

"Whereas, in other areas," Thorall said, "people with more than the required percentages are dam well able to look out for themselves. If this is to go to courts, it may be a poor place to try to establish these percentages and rights where only the right to fish is in question."

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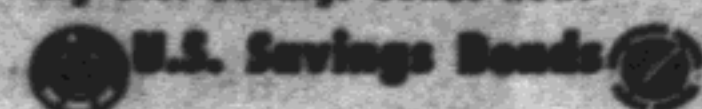
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