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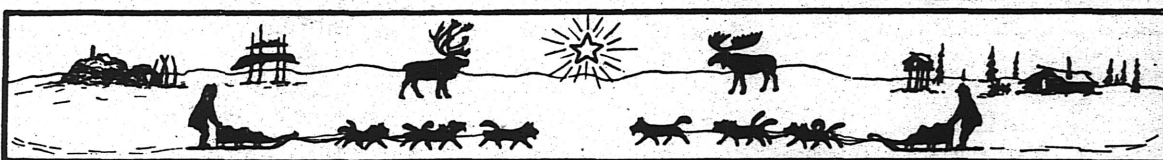
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# GOV., ASNA TO TAKE 'BULL BY THE HORNS' ON LAND MATTERS



**GOVERNOR AT KAKE**--Gov. Walter J. Hickel is chatting with two elderly men of the village of Kake. They are standing with the backdrop of a giant spruce tree trunk that the Kake artisans will carve into a 130-foot totem pole to commemorate

the 100th anniversary of Alaska, the Centennial Year 1967. When completed, the Kake totem pole will be at least two feet longer than the one at Vancouver, B.C., which is presently a world record at 127 feet long.

### Inaugural Talk: A Projection Into the Future

Alaska's new Republican governor, Walter J. Hickel, made his inaugural speech last Saturday over a statewide radio network and to a capacity audience at the Juneau-Douglas High School gymnasium of the state capitol of Juneau.

The speech was a projection into the future economic development of the state based on the vast natural resources potential of Alaska.

"...We must have a vision of tomorrow, for all things of reality must first be an idea, a vision, a dream." Governor declared. "We will build a strong course of economic development and progress for all Alaskans, and in the pursuit of that vision, many of the good things of life will come to us."

Saying that he will present

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### Hickel's Kake Day Speech Impressive

(Editor's Note: Although Governor Walter J. Hickel was not able to deliver the following speech personally on Kake Day, January 8, at the village of Kake in southeast Alaska, we think it is significant as well as refreshing for our readers' attention)

Kake Day has meant something to the people of Kake for a long time now. This year, I think Kake Day is even more important than ever and I'm glad to be here on THIS Kake Day. On the first Kake Day...a silver nail was driven into the last board of a wooden sidewalk. That ceremony was supposed to mark a big turning point for the people of Kake...a turning point in their way of life.

The Indian culture you knew was supposed to come to an end. Costumes, pictures and drums had been destroyed...and all of your fine totem poles burned.

All of your culture was somehow supposed to disappear...and you were supposed to adopt what had loosely been called the "White Man's way of life."

Let's look at that "White Man's way of life" for a minute.... There is no such thing. The whole story of European history for 3,000 years and more...has been a story of the continued MIXING of different cultures...of different ways of life.

If we start with the Greeks, what do we find? We find that from their crooked coastline...they sailed to ports all over

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### AFNA Stops Work On Constitution To Map Strategy

The Alaska Federation of Native Associations began its conference yesterday with the drafting of its constitution but the work was tabled for the present to map out strategy for Gov. Walter J. Hickel's

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### Both Parties to Stress Early Settlement

By Tom Snapp

Both Governor Walter J. Hickel and representatives of the Arctic Slope Native Association agreed this week to take the "bull by the horns" in the settlement of Native Land Claims.

And in a conference in Juneau both the Governor and the Natives stressed they were interested in so doing to promote the early and orderly development of the state.

The governor ordered Attorney General Donald Burr to file a suit as soon as possible against the Secretary of Interior seeking to force him to give patent to certain lands on the North Slope to the state.

This suit presumably would have the effect of testing the validity of Native land claims, something that both the Governor and the Association is interested in doing.

The filing of such a suit is costly and the Arctic Slope Native Association indicated that it did not desire to be placed into the position of having to file such a suit itself at this time.

Attorneys for the association indicated, however, that

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### Hickel to Be At Meeting

Governor Walter J. Hickel is to attend the Alaska Federation of Native Associations' Conference this afternoon.

It is not known at this time what the Governor will have to say to the delegates.

Indication of the Governor's presence at the meeting was made to Hugh Nicholls when the State Attorney General Burr said that Hickel would be present at the conference in Fairbanks.

This took place at the disbursement of the meeting in Juneau between the Governor and the Arctic Slope Native Association representatives regarding land lease sales in the North Slope area.

### Unstaked Winter Trails Cause Tiff

Whether neglect, or misunderstanding, is responsible in staking of winter trails in Northern Alaska, the job has not been done for the last

### Young Native Group Holds Land Seminar

By Mary Moses

Since 1954, when Alaskan Natives filed their first land claims as such, these claims have "beat around from pillar to post, and now they're back in Washington."

So says Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Wallace

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two years although the money for the job has been appropriated.

It has now developed that the State Highway Department had appropriated funds for staking trails to the Rural Development Agency but that agency had failed to carry out the program.

A tiff developed recently when State Senator Robert Blodgett charged that the Highway Department had abrogated its responsibility and placed the lives of villagers in jeopardy who use the trails.

This week, telegrams were exchanged between Governor

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