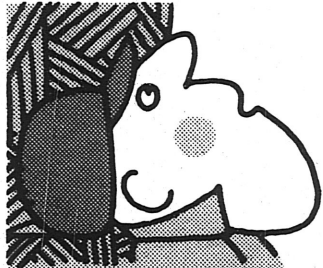


ASCAP Wants Grass Roots Captain

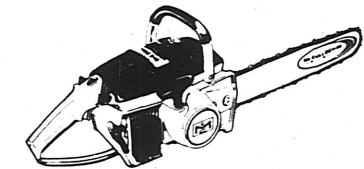
A qualified Native person is being sought for the position of team captain with the Grass Roots organization in Interior Alaska, announces the Alaska State Community Action Agency.

The team captain will coordinate the work of field aides in the rural areas, helping them to set up and run Community Action programs. The job involves a lot of travel around the Interior.

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public service for someone interested in the economic development of Native villages, says Frank Brooks of ASCAP.

Requirements for the job are somewhat flexible. The applicant should have some university training or equivalent work experience - but many types of work are acceptable.

Work for any government agency may qualify a person, and ASCAP might accept service on a village council for an able person.

A good knowledge of both English and the Native language would be helpful on the job, but is not required.

What is most wanted for the position is a person who can understand the rural people and their needs and who can,

Udall Gives Outline

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Representative from Kotzebue.

The two had not been invited to the previously-scheduled meetings, but flew to Washington this week to present the opinions of the Native people. Before they left Alaska, both men expressed concern that the Native people had not been consulted when the legislation was being prepared.

The trip was financed by donations from AFN members and sympathizers. The officers of the Kuskokwim Valley Native Association have also promised financial help, and declared unanimous support for the trip.

On their trip, Notti and Hensley took a "kalak-tuk," or messenger stick, to present to President Johnson to show their willingness to

Musk Ox Baby ...

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gulping down five gallons of water in two huge gulps. The proud father is Duke,

Teller Protests

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Tweet.

The Council's letter claims that the post office should not be located in a place of business because the villagers sometimes have to wait over 30 minutes at the post office section for the postmaster to finish with her customers.

The letter also claims that the post office is not kept open the required number of hours per week. "There is a deposit box outside the store, but one cannot mail parcels until the store opens again," it says.

The letter also lists several alleged violations of postal regulations and rates.

"We feel very strongly that the post office should not be located in a place of business," the letter states. "The City Council is willing to construct a post office for a qualified native to work as postmaster."

with training, handle administrative duties of the program.

Applications may be made at the State Employment Office through May 22.

Eight Persons Appointed to Rights Group

Eight new members have been appointed to the Alaska State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

They are Flore Lekanof, Mrs. Joyce Munson, H. Harris Nukes, Mrs. Lidia Selkregg and Arthur N. Upicksoun of Anchorage; Illiodor Merculieff of St. Paul Island; Richard J. Stitt, Juneau, and Rev. William T. Warren, Fairbanks.

talk on the claims issue.

The kalak-tuk was used by Eskimos in the Bering Sea and Kuskokwim area to carry the message that various tribes were ready to trade. It is over 1,000 years old and is carved of mastodon ivory.

Interior Department officials at the talks were Secretary Stewart Udall and Undersecretary Charles Luce, the author of the proposed legislation.

Alaskan officials meeting with Udall and Luce were Governor Walter Hickel, Senators Bob Bartlett and Ernest Gruening, Representative Howard Pollock, Attorney General Donald Burr and the State's special counsel on the Native land claims, Edgar Boyko.

the most docile of the 8 bulls on the musk ox farm and often referred to by the staff as a reluctant "Ferdinand." However, Duke was apparently not so reluctant last fall when he was introduced to 6 cows beginning on September 11.

"This might very well revise slightly our theory of the musk ox gestation period which has generally been considered to be 246 days," said Hall as he counted off the days, arriving at something in the neighborhood of 242.

Also on hand for the event was Larry Rubin, assistant herd manager, but project director John Teal was out of town and missed the blessed event. However, Teal will be back in time for some of the other births from the nine other cows who are expecting.

Estimated time of arrival was a few minutes before midnight, May 10, Hall said. Larry Rubin had checked the oxen about 10 p.m. and Hall checked back about 12-and there it was, a baby musk ox.

The musk ox project is operated by the Institute of Northern Agricultural Research in collaboration with the University of Alaska. Funds are provided by the Kellogg Foundation.

The birth brings the farm's musk ox population to 33. The new infant will not be named until the return of John Teal, project director and research professor of human ecology and animal husbandry.

Bartlett Lauds ...

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Bartlett noted that, at Barrow, the relatively high incomes had allowed housing to be provided through Federal home loans.

He expressed regret that the outdated piecemeal approach did not provide combined housing and economic development to make new homes the beginning of a new life.

On education, Bartlett noted that there are fine new programs, yet the textbooks used in the Native schools have almost no relationship to the lives of the children. He said he had seen lessons on school blackboards that covered wheat and bananas, but never ones on walrus, seals or berries.

He urged work on new textbooks, especially primary readers, to include things already familiar to the rural Native students to make education as easy and as meaningful as possible.

On employment, Bartlett said that-omitting the Division of Indian Health and the Bureau of Indian Affairs-only 391 of 9,038 Federal civilian employees in Alaska are Natives. Although he did not want to play a numbers game, he felt this showed room for improvement.

However, the answers to his inquiry indicated that some of the departments were not too pleased with what they had to report. Bartlett feels that there is a great possibility of improvement in the near future.

Bartlett said that he counted the Pribilof home-rule bill among his proudest legislative achievements. Under his bill, the residents of St. Paul were allowed private ownership of homes, municipal government instead of bureau govern-

ment, and freedom to leave the island.

The bill not only gave the islanders the rights of other citizens, but inspired other communities to plan for solving their own problems, Bartlett said.

"One outgrowth of this heightened awareness of what can be accomplished by seeking rather than waiting is the extensive Native land claims which now cover most of Alaska," he said.

He noted that only the Tlingit and Haida Indians of the Southeastern Alaska have been able to litigate land claims. They were authorized this in 1935, filed suit in 1947, and a decision on title was granted in 1959. The value of the land taken has not been determined.

But in 1966, with the growing political awareness there came a realization that the Native land claims matter could no longer be ignored.

A bill was drafted by a statewide Native conference and, although a number of politicians did "have second thoughts after November 8," some of its ideas may appear in the Interior Department's bill.

"I think even now it is possible to see where the political actions launched so relatively recently by Alaska Natives will lead," Bartlett said. "Congress will pass some Native claims legislation, if not in this Congress, the next.

"Whatever the final terms of the legislation I am confident the act will provide some base on which the Natives can judge from the Tyonek Indians, and I think we can, they will build well, and they will do most of the building themselves."

Things We Love ...

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up our land."

(Editor's Note: Peter John is now the chief of Minto and he is upholding the views of the former Chief Richard Frank.)

Weak leaders don't say things like that. Richard Frank is a strong leader. Let us natives realize that we need more men like him and in having them will help us to hold on to the things we love.

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