

Gov. Miller Expresses Pleasure On Scheduled Land Hearings

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller expressed pleasure that U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson had scheduled hearings on the native land claims issue for April 29 and 30, saying "It is extremely gratifying to hear this evidence that Senator Jackson considers the matter highly important. The scheduling of two days of hearings on his land claims settlement bill indicates the degree of concern given the matter."

Fisheries Reminds Salmon Gear Deadline Apr. 15

Ed Huizer, Director of the Division of Commercial Fisheries for the Department of Fish and Game issued a reminder this week that the deadline for licensing and registration of salmon net vessels and gear is April 15, 1969.

All salmon net fishermen must obtain vessel licenses by April 15 except for the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim area, where the registration deadline for the Yukon district is June 1, and for the remainder of the area any time before commercial fishing.

Licenses may be obtained at Department of Revenue offices and from licensing agents in most fishing communities throughout the state, as well as by mail.

Mail requests should be addressed to Department of Revenue, Field Office, 156 South Franklin, Juneau, Alaska. License applications may also be obtained at the office of Fishermen's News, Fishermen's Terminal, Seattle, Washington.

Late registration or transfer of registered nets or vessels to another registration area shall be permitted by the commissioner only in the case of serious injury, sickness or death, or loss of vessel by sinking, destruction or extensive mechanical breakdown.

Huizer also said that personal commercial fishing license may be transferred to another registration area only under the following provisions:

"Upon request the commissioner shall permit the license to be transferred to another registration area if the fisherman does not hold a salmon net gear license either area and such transfer will not jeopardize proper conservation."

"Our own Native Land Claims Task Force, whose executive committee is to meet in Fairbanks this weekend, will have completed its work by that time, and will have recommendations to make at the hearings. The full Task Force will meet some time before the April hearings to complete its work and formulate its recommendations," the Governor said.

During the past several months of working with the land claims issue, the Governor has repeatedly stressed the importance of all interests in the State forming a

united front on the matter, and reaching a settlement acceptable to all parties before legislation goes to the Congress.

In lengthy work sessions, the Governor's Task Force representing all areas and interests in the State has researched all facets of the issue.

This Task Force will be funded by the Governor's Rural Affairs Commission to travel to Washington to testify.

At its April meeting, the Task Force will finalize its position in the "untied front" which the Governor has called for.

Pollock Praises Distance Dialing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Howard W. Pollock this week praised the Air Force for including commitments for statewide direct distance dialing and 24-hour telephone service to remote Alaskan communities of bidders seeking to buy the Alaska Communications System.

He added, however, that the

ANB Backed Bill Passes House

JUNEAU—The Grand Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) announced last Friday that the ANB is supporting House Bill No. 2, which was introduced by Representative Carl Moses, R-Unalaska, relating to the Wage and Hour Act.

The measure calls for the repeal of a subsection of an existing law that exempts payment of overtime beyond the 40-hour week for cannery workers.

"The section exempting cannery workers from getting paid for overtime is dispicable," said Grand President Dr. Walter A. Soboleff in making the announce-

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Air Force still has not approved other features which he and Senator Ted Stevens have asked be written into the ACS purchase agreement.

Pollock and Stevens have urged that the vital micro wave links in the ACS system be included in the sale and that government traffic be required to use commercial telephone facilities after the sale of ACS is completed.

"Of course I am happy about both the direct distance dialing feature and 24-hour telephone service for Alaska," Pollock said.

"But I do not feel these commitments are sufficient to assure that the best interests of Alaskan public will be served," he added.

Stevens and Pollock also claim the Air Force has set too high a price on those parts of the ACS it is offering for sale.

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MILLER SAMPLES NATIVE FOODS—Governor Keith H. Miller, honored guest at the FNA Potlatch, samples portions of caribou, moose, sheep, and salmon. Miller appeared to be greatly enjoying the evening, and was invited to join the Barrow Eskimos in dance. He became a willing participant, following instructions given by Tom Brower on the Eskimo dance. The enthused Alaska Governor indicated that he would return next year.

—THOMAS RICHARDS, JR. Photograph

BLM Announces Final Corridor Classification

Burton W. Silcock, Alaska State Director for the Bureau of Land Management, today announced the final classification of 2,436,000 acres of land in a corridor leading from Livengood, north of Fairbanks through Anaktuvuk Pass to the vicinity of Umiat on the Colville River and the Sagwon Airfield on the Sagavanirktok River on the North Slope.

The classification has been made under the Classification and Multiple Use Act of 1964 to protect public values in the land which might otherwise be lost. The classified corridor is considered the most likely route for surface transportation to the North Slope.

The State Department of Highways now maintains a winter haul road from Livengood to Sagwon which is located for the

most part within the corridor.

The classification segregates the land from all forms of settlement or location under existing land and mineral laws which could lead to title transfer. Any valid claims of record will not be affected by this classification.

The lands are subject to the provisions of the land freeze to preserve the status quo pending settlement of Alaska Native claims.

The classification was proposed in 1967 and public meetings, including a formal hearing have been held. This final action is consistent with comments and testimony received.

Public Law 88-607, the Classification and Multiple Use Act, under which the land was classified provides for classification and multiple use management of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Heroism . . .

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The third boy, Harold Wulf, age 12, and a son of Bertha, had seen the tragedy in the making from the upstairs window of his home. He ran to the river and helped Tommy Dutchman from the water.

Tommy and Arnold Painter then pulled Bertha out and out of danger.

Principal teacher, at Shageluk, Louis Slattery, in his letter of recommendation for heroism awards for the boys, wrote to Richard Birchell, superintendent of the Bethel BIA agency and said:

"The people in the water would not have been able to get out of the water without the immediate assistance of the three boys. I have attached a sketch of the river, the course the Dutchmans took and relative locations of the boys. You will notice that this rescue included considerable risk to the boys."

S. William Benton, Education Program Administrator, writing for Supt. Birchell stated:

"We are having certificates of heroism made and framed for each boy plus another one to hang in the school at Shageluk."

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