

S. F. OEO Denies Fuel Shortage Hits Emmonak Village

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The office of Economic Opportunity's (OEO) San Francisco office has denied the request of the North Star Borough Community Action Agency that it be refunded, the office of Representative Howard W. Pollock (R-Alaska) learned today.

In a telegram to Community Action Agency officials, the Rev. William T. Warren and Don Mahoney in Fairbanks, and to Tom Mercer, head of the Alaska Office of Economic Opportunity in Juneau, Joe P. Moldonado, Deputy Regional Director of OEO in San Francisco, said his office had decided not to refund Fairbanks' Community Action Agency.

The North Star Borough Action Agency will receive funds to February 15 to allow for an orderly closing down of its operation, Moldonado said.

He advised the Fairbanks Community Action Agency that it could appeal his decision to OEO's acting director in Washington, D.C., within 10 days.

Moldonado added that the acting director would not grant a full review of the matter unless it appeared that extraordinary or unusual circumstances exist.

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to them that they should do this and that, while they didn't know they just make Kotzebue's name look bad. If they think Kotzebue officials aren't doing anything about complaints they better remember that on the next election to vote these good people that can do everything.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Elmer Armstrong

Marijuana Use . . .

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To remain silent at a time when a warning is needed would be dereliction of duty. A marijuana user is engaging in a risky activity, hazardous to health and society. The danger to mental health from guilt complexes caused by use of marijuana, contrary to law, is another factor yet undetermined.

Marijuana may influence a user to try other drugs. It may cause auto accidents, loss of ambition, or lower a user's achievement. The time-distance unpredictability syndrome alone is frightening.

Uncontrolled use of marijuana cannot be viewed as an innocent pastime. The Department of Health and Welfare is opposed to the efforts to the ill-informed or the non law-abiding segments of society who mislead and encourage children, youth, or adults to indulge in a highly questionable drug, which has been considered by many experts to be detrimental in physical, mental, and moral aspects.

Alcohol is more of a problem than we have been able to handle. We have never controlled it properly—as a look at auto fatalities directly attributable to alcohol will show. If our society were to allow introduction of marijuana with its recognized potential of inducing instability the question arises: Can we afford it from the tax-paying, financial standpoint? Can we risk the cost of overfilled prisons, mental institutions and other medical institutions, even if we do not consider the loss in human dignity and self respect?

There is a similarity between the SHORT-TIME effects of marijuana and the effects of alcohol. Marijuana smokers use this similarity in attempting to justify marijuana smoking. To condone one danger merely because it apparently compares with another, of tragic proportions, and worse, is irrational, myopic and specious.

As an indication of the uncertainty and lack of knowledge available on marijuana and its unpredictability, and for those who minimize the problem of marijuana, here are a few pertinent questions which have not yet been answered:

- What are the full effects of marijuana on the brain?
- Effects on children born of marijuana users?
- Number or percentage of marijuana users who turn to hard drugs?
- Number or percentage of marijuana users involved in serious crimes?
- Climatic and altitude influence on behavior of marijuana users?
- Relation of body chemistry to varied behavioral reactions to marijuana or why behavior is unpredictable even with the same person in apparently the same surroundings?
- Results of marijuana in influencing antisocial, immoral or physically dangerous suggestions to actually be performed.
- Number of auto accidents caused by persons under the influence of marijuana?
- Effect on nervous systems of chronic and occasional users?
- How are the variables encountered in experiments on marijuana to be controlled?
- The entire range of unpredictable behavior on the part of marijuana users?

Complete knowledge in these areas has not yet been obtained. Following are additional reasons why the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare warns against the use of marijuana.

(NEXT: Continual users.)

The village of Emmonak near the mouth of the Yukon River is reported to be experiencing fuel shortage.

Jacob Johnson and Martin Moore of Emmonak were in Anchorage this week to see and talk with Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, about the village's fuel problem.

Johnson and Moore said that the NC Company store there had run out of drum fuel and that the fuel shortage was especially hard for the Emmonak's poor because they neither have snow machines nor dogteams.

Advertising on Construction of Nome-Teller Road on Soon

Commissioner of Highways, C.E. Steen, announced recently that the Department of Highways will begin advertising for construction of 4.6 miles of roadway located within the Nome City Limits and along the Nome-Teller Road to the Vocational school.

The city work, covering about 0.62 miles, will include grading, drainage, and paving; while the

work along the Nome-Teller Road will consist primarily of 4.0 miles of base and surfacing.

Completion is scheduled for August 1, 1970.

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RurALCAP Meet

Rural Alaska Community Action Program's (RurALCAP) Board of Directors will meet in Kodiak Feb. 18-19 for its first board meeting of the new year.

David Wharton, field representative from the Office of Economic Opportunity in San Francisco, will be at the meeting to review the 1969 RurALCAP refunding application which is being considered by OEO.

The RurALCAP board will meet in a special session with the Kodiak Area Development Corp. Feb. 18. The Kodiak Board is expected to petition for delegate status to act as the community action agency for its own area.

Listed under new business to be discussed are: the Planning and Evaluation Center (APEC) contract; election of evaluating members to the APEC Board; and the in-service training proposal.

RurALCAP staff who will be attending the board meeting are: Larry Brayton, executive director; Tom Echols, deputy director;

Ptarmigan Ptired of Ptraveling

(Editor's Note: the following story was headlined, "PTARMIGAN PTIRED OF PTRAVELING" by the editors of the Elim Educator.)

(From ELIM EDUCATOR)

By TINY AMAKTOOLIK

We hardly ever see any ptarmigan anymore.

I guess they went South to Golovin for the winter.

Tim Kennedy, task force manager; Frank Peterson, outreach coordinator; Mrs. Mary Gange, director of Operation Mainstream; Miss Sally Miner, director of Head Start; Mrs. LaVelle Alexander, communications specialist; and Miss Carol Bahr, executive secretary.

The board meeting is open to the public. The meeting place in Kodiak will be announced within the next few days.

Letters to the Editor

Box 206
Tok, Alaska
January 4, 1969

Dear Editor:

My Encyclopedia Britannica tells me an American oil Co. made a contract in 1958 (see concessions) with Iran and the National Iranian Oil Co. (government owned) which required:

1. Payment of \$125,000,000 bonus
2. Annual rental of \$400-\$600 per square kilometre (247.11 acres)
3. Expenditure of \$82,000,000 the first 12 years for exploratory work.
4. An income tax of 50% of net profit
5. An equal division of the other 50% with the national Iranian Oil Co.

All the national magazines refer to Alaskan oil deposits as even greater than the fantastic ones of Iran and Iraq. Think what this would mean to the people of Alaska in terms of housing, factories, building, mineral exploration, education, farming, fishing, health facilities, electricity.

Our children would be integrated in a self sustaining economy. A wise Providence put this oil deposit under our soil.

It's wise regulation by our elected officials for our benefit would be one of the finest things

human beings could have the opportunity to do.

Yours,
Mellie Terwilliger

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in taking over our area for wildlife preservation." I would like to strongly emphasize that the Department of Fish and Game, which is a State of Alaska agency, is not involved in the planning or management of the proposed Cape Newenham Refuge. This is strictly a function of the U.S. Department of Interior, a Federal Agency.

In a sense, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be actively involved with "wildlife preservation" in managing the area's new commercial salmon fishery. This fishery will be managed to provide a maximum sustained yield which involves the "preservation" of sufficient salmon each year for spawning purposes.

I still plan to visit Goodnews Bay in late March or early April and am looking forward to meeting you then.

Sincerely,
Ron Regnart
Area Mgt. Biologist

cc: Huizer
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Tundra Times
Platinum Village Council

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semble the finest native art items and crafts for exhibition in Anchorage.

That part of the program will be discussed extensively in the near future with interested people in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Also planned are acquiring the services of the finest Eskimo and Indian dance groups to perform around or during the Anchorage banquet.

Another notable event planned to take place around that time will be the annual conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives in Anchorage. About 300 delegates from localities throughout Alaska are expected to attend.

Most, or all, of the delegates will attend the banquet.

The Governor of Alaska, Keith Miller, will be invited to address the audience. Many of the state's dignitaries, state legis-

lators and other prominent people will be asked to attend.

Time and place of the gala affair has not as yet been set but this is expected to be settled in the near future.

Tundra Times executive committee and the board of directors have expressed wishes that the cultural banquet be held every other year in a different city in Alaska.

The election year affair will be held in Fairbanks each time.

The Anchorage feast will again be emceed by two native gentlemen, Sylvester Ayek and Richard Frank. Ayek is an Eskimo and Frank is an Athabaskan. Both men are known for their wit and humor.

Tundra Times officials have set the admission price at \$15 a single person and \$25 per couple. Dress for the occasion will be semi formal.