

Gov. Envisions Village Growth

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FAIRBANKS—Gov. Walter J. Hickel told the NORTH Commission this week that "The time for action is now in moving to open the Alaska Arctic for the full-scale development of its vast resources."

The Governor painted a bright picture of the future of this great area to the north, saying:

"We are going to see villages grow into towns, and towns into cities, and a vigorous, new breed of people working and playing and raising families and building libraries, schools, museums, universities and theatres where there is nothing now but tundra."

"Why can't we do it?" Hickel asked. "We have the men to do it. We have the material to do it. I have said many times that things don't just happen—

men make things happen. We have fiddled around long enough. The time for action is now."

The North Commission, created by the Alaska Legislature to find ways of opening the Arctic to development, began a two-day meeting on the University of Alaska campus this week.

Its chairman, Al Swalling of Anchorage, described the task assigned to the commission as one of "overcoming almost insurmountable odds." But he said, "We welcome this task."

"We believe that what is good for this area is good for all," Swalling added.

Hickel left no question that in his opinion the construction of a railroad is the only way to open up and tap the resources of the Arctic.

He said surface transportation is not going to be built for any one industry, commodity, or company.

"We are going to build our railroad as an initial effort to

bring to the world market place all the minerals that are so abundant in our great north land.

"I see a railroad in the immediate future going through Anaktuvuk Pass...to the North Slope. I see a general staging area, and radiating out I see winter trails, pipelines, and as the permanent value warrants it, further extension of the railroad."

The Governor read a letter from Sen. E. L. Bartlett of Alaska to Transportation Secretary Alan Boyd in which Bartlett said immediate action must be taken to extend the railroad, and urged that \$4 million be spent now in a survey.

BARROW NEWS

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

BARROW, (Special)—Kotzebue tug boat with barge towed behind arrives this evening loaded with gasoline and motor oils. Didn't take them long to empty the barge tanks and several more people here hollering for more gasoline, but couldn't get any as barge was empty.

People sign their names to have this same tug boat barge to return to Barrow. Hope she does return because the drum is only \$25.00 to \$27.00 that's 50 gallons.

HOW HAPPY THEY WERE

Visitors who came in late this evening had a wonderful night. Afterall when everyone could able to take good clear mid night sun. Sun is so beautiful as it seems the sun was afire.

Over 40 visitors from state-side has cameras and every one was happy all evening, because most of them do come up to Top of the World just for this purpose, taking wonderful pictures of our midnight sun.

One came to me and told me that he'd seen one, most important to him.

ICE BREAKERS

Heard today that two ice breakers will cruise out to the Ice Island through dreadful ice. They said they will leave next week.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Thank goodness, myself and others find good, clean rooms in 3 schools. Especially I thank most of these N.Y.C. employees who did a wonderful job. And now after we had finished cleaned up the rooms, I'm taking my annual leave for two weeks.

VILLAGE CLEANUP

Village this coming Monday will start cleaning and it needs



GALLANT REASSURANCE is offered by Edward Lockwood, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lockwood of Unalakleet, to would-be slider Stella Nash, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nash of Chevak. Eagerly awaiting the time when he will be off his crutches and can play here too is Paul Lupie, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lupie of Tuntutuliak. Also enjoying the long stretch of sunny summer is Wassilie Alexie, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholi Alexie of Nunapitchuk. The young patients at the PHS Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage have fun with the slide-steps-playhouse combination designed and built by students at the Carpenter Training School and donated to the Center by the Carpenters Union. (PHS Alaska Native Health Service Photo)

cleaning. It will take days to get rid of the trashes and disposal drums. Also the village council have ask BIA in using the Big Uke Vehicles to haul up the gravel to their yards, which the

price for a good load will be \$18.00 per load.

Several people have signed their names, and by their names, driver will know where to dump his load of gravel.

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