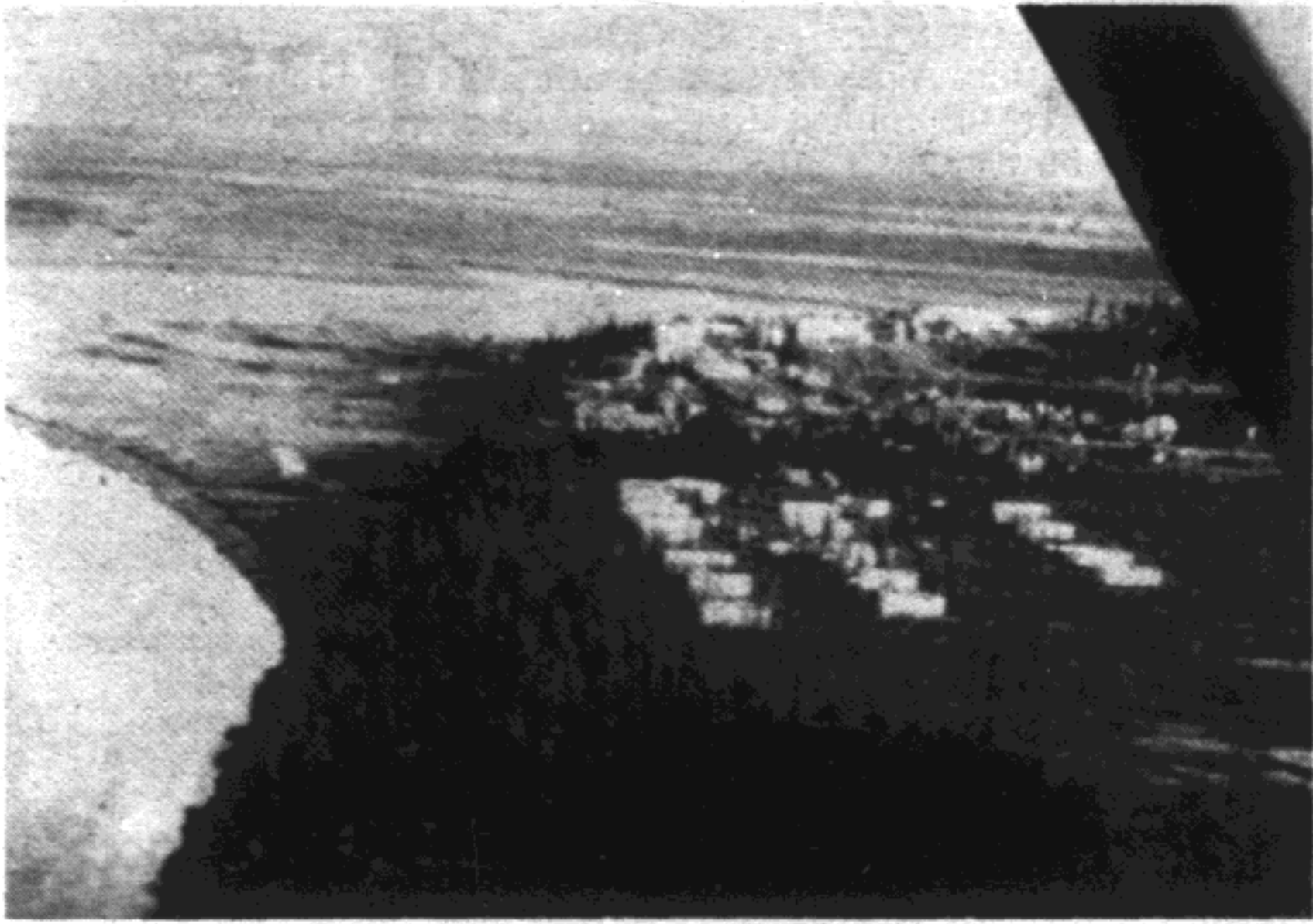


Housing Program to House 167 Families



HOUSING COMPLEX—The new housing complex at the village of Noorvik is seen from the air. Nineteen of the 12 houses allocated for this community have been closed in already. Building materials were received in Noorvik on August 20 of this year.

Many Alaskan villages needed financial assistance to improve their homes or to build new ones last year.

The Alaska State Housing Authority provided such assistance to 10 of them; the villagers provided most of the labor, and, as a result, 167 families will soon be living in new or improved homes.

The project, known as the Alaska Remote Housing Program, was made possible in 1966 by a \$10 million federal appropriation, \$9 million of which remains to be distributed during the next three or four years.

The first appropriation came in early October 1968 and is currently being used to build 160 homes and to repair seven existing homes in the following villages: Akiachak, Chefnak, Emonak, Kiana, Kivalina, Kotlik, Minto, Noorvik, Quinhagak, and Shismaref.

These villages were selected in early 1969 from 103 applications, and construction in all of them except Minto is expected to be completed by March, 1970.

This phase of the program will reach a total of 1,173 individuals through the 167 households.

To be considered for similar

assistance, a village must submit an application to the Alaska State Housing Authority, which administers the program.

Upon selection, the village is then helped to develop the details of a housing program, and applications are accepted from all families interested in repairing their home or building new ones. The family must provide such

information as family size, income and need for housing.

Furthermore it must show a willingness to provide most of the necessary manpower for the construction is done on a mutual help basis without pay by the families receiving the housing assistance.

The money provided to the qualifying families is in the form of loans or grants or a combination of the two.

The loans can be made for up to 20 years and up to the cost of the house with the interest rate not exceeding 5 3/8 per cent, the rate the Federal Government charges the Alaska State Housing Authority.

Grants of up to 75 per cent of the cost of the house will be available when necessary with the amount of the grant being determined by the family's income and assets.

Depending on the approxi-

mate term of the loan, the family income, and the amount of the loan, monthly house payments can range from \$10 to \$68 for a three-bedroom house costing about \$5,900 and from \$11 to \$74 for a four-bedroom house costing \$6,460.

Both three and four-bedroom houses are being constructed in the 10 villages now receiving aid in addition to one-bedroom houses costing about \$5,800.

These prices include the cost of materials, tools, freight, one or two carpenter helpers hired in each village to assist the superintendents, five itinerant construction superintendents and a contingency to cover unforeseen expenses.

Further information on the program can be obtained from the Alaska State Housing Authority, Post Office Box 179, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Any Alaskan to Train for Jobs

A top level meeting held in New York Monday, December 8, to discuss a joint federal-state-industry, summer job training program has produced significant results according to Alaska Senator Ted Stevens.

"It appears that as many as 300 Alaskans will be able to receive special pre-vocational job training under the program this next summer," Stevens said.

Stevens' proposal is designed to provide Alaskans with the job skills that will be in demand by Alaskas emerging oil and oil-related industries.

"With our state's high unemployment rate we must train Alaskans to be qualified for these new jobs as soon as possible," Stevens said.

The Alaska Republican Senator stated that the high ranking oil and pipeline industry officials and state labor Commissioner Thomas Moore, who attended the New York meetings, responded enthusiastically to the program. "We have already received the approval of the Interior Department to use BIA facilities as summer classroom and dormitory sites," Stevens said.

Stevens said the summer job training proposal will complement the state and federal year round program.

"Classes will begin a few days after the regular school year ends and will last until a few days before the fall term begins. Any Alaskan who qualifies will be eligible to attend," Stevens said.

both by the natives and Alaskan's congressional delegation.

Hensley Raps...

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Gravel and Congressman Pollock.

"For our part we have refused to turn Alaskan against Alaskan and we have never threatened for unfairly misrepresented issues."

Hensley said, "Our choice of this high road of enlightened public discussion is founded on our belief in the fairness of the legislative process and the importance of a participating informed public."

Hensley stated that the AFN and the native people realize that Alaskans may differ on the mechanics of a settlement, but to seriously claim that equity is not owed the native peoples is to cruelly misread Alaskan history and to ignore America's constitutional tradition.

"We therefore," he said, "deplore these shallow appeals to the dark side of human nature and the unfair pressures being brought to bear on the constructive efforts of our congressional delegation."

"And we urge all our fellow citizens to join us this Christmas season on the high road to a fair

settlement—Alaskans together—united for justice."

Hensley went on to say that reports reaching Anchorage said that certain "businessmen of limited vision" were threatening Senators Stevens and Gravel and Congressman Pollock.

He pointed out that on November 21, Sen. Stevens announced that he had accepted the principle of revenue sharing of oil royalties between the state and the natives in an effort to secure a compromise bill acceptable to all Alaskans, and Sen. Gravel also indicated flexibility in his position at that time.

The following week, Sen. Stevens returned to Alaska with the message that a fair settlement of native land claims was in everyone's interest and that failure to deal with the matter now would tie up Alaska's development for years.

Sen. Steven's message was attacked by members of the State of Alaska Chamber of Commerce who went on record as opposing many of the proposals advanced

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