

MONETARY BENEFITS OR LAND

Morton Could Certify Roll In Anchorage

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ANCHORAGE Several sources have indicated that plans are under way to have Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton come to Anchorage on Dec. 17 to certify the final enrollment and to present the first big checks from the Alaska Native Fund to the regional corporations. Morton's visit would coincide with the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, which will be held Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at the Anchorage Westward Hotel, and the AFN reportedly will invite Morton to give a speech at the convention.

All the money in the Alaska Native Fund, except for the \$2.6 million which is to be paid to lawyers and consultants and the funds previously advanced to the regional corporations, has been invested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Investments Branch in Albuquerque, N.M. to mature on Dec. 18. Charles Soller, assistant solicitor for the BIA says that the funds available for distribution on Dec. 18 are estimated to total \$130,048,000.

Lease Broker Could Tie Up 4 Million Acres

FAIRBANKS Lease broker Cliff Burglin said Monday that he'll go to court on behalf of his clients and tie up 2.4 million acres in Alaska if the federal government rejects their oil and gas lease applications.

"I've had people I represent who've had money tied up in these leases five to six years," he said.

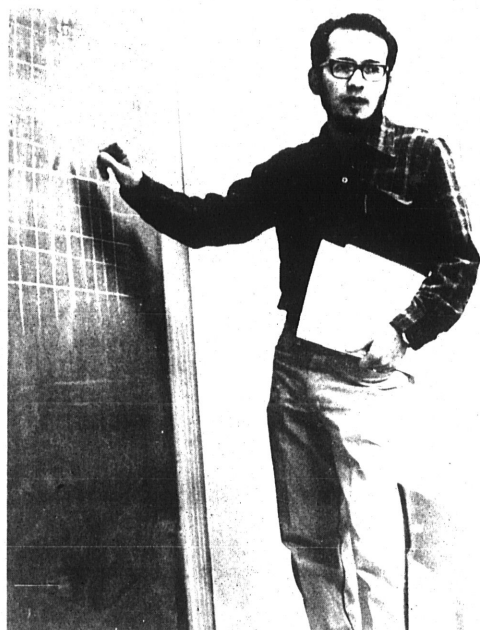
Burglin, who has a substantial vested interest in the leases, argues that the land should be approved for exploration and drilling.

"The smartest thing the Native people could do is insist that the leases be issued and land allocated; then go ahead with selections as it is being developed," he said. "The Natives will not be universally loved when the rest of the country finds out they are sitting on the state, while the rest of the country is in dire need."

Burglin is particularly bitter about what he feels is a discriminatory policy of the federal government toward Alaska. He notes that since the land freeze of 1966, "nobody, including the Natives, has had any land passed on to them."

Burglin figures there are 10-20,000 lease applications on file

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER — Alaska Native Foundation President Emil Notti instructs at the Doyon, Limited management training seminar, Fairbanks. Attending are Edmund Titus, Minto, Roy Nictune, Alana; Doug Pitka, Beaver; Ragine Pilot, Koyukuk; Ann Alexie, Nikolai; Lincoln Biffelt, Hushla and Rhoda Musser, Evansville.

— Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

'A Corporation Is Something Like a Motor'

FAIRBANKS "A corporation is something like a motor."

"There are many different parts in a motor and when they all work together they can do things that no single part could do by itself."

"Some parts don't move at all while others move a great

deal. However, they are all necessary to the working motor," says the new educational handbooks on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Prepared by Marielaire Hale of the Alaska Legal Services Corp., Fairbanks office, the handbook gives a simplified but

Reserve Status Villages To Vote to Keep Their Land or Join Regionals

By MARGIE BAUMAN

Residents of Noorvik, Elim, Venetie, Arctic Village, Tetlin, Gambell and Savoonga are gearing up for elections to decide the fate of reservation lands surrounding their villages.

The balloting begins today at Noorvik, Nov. 13 at Elim, Nov. 10 at Venetie and Arctic Village and Nov. 15 at Tetlin. No definite date has been set for the elections on St. Lawrence Island, but they are expected to be held in early November.

Under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, villages lying within reservation areas have the option of taking full ownership of those lands or joining with other Natives in regional and village corporations created as a result of that act, gaining land and monetary benefits.

Officials of NANA Regional Corporation Inc. plan to have an observer at the Noorvik election, but are maintaining a hands-off policy on any direction

this Eskimo community of over 400 persons should take. However, regional corporation president Robert Newlin also heads the village council at Noorvik and a relatively small amount of land is involved.

Circumstances are somewhat different in the case of the Venetie-Arctic Village election. On the line here is the 1,788,000 acre Venetie Indian Reservation, established back in the 1930s.

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46 Bush Villages To Get Fire Extinguishers

By MARILYN RICHARDS

Forty-six Alaskan villages will receive approximately \$36,500 worth of fire extinguishers through an Alaska Fire Chiefs' Association project called "Operation Help an Alaskan" announced Fairbanks Fire Chief Dan Cohen.

These villages will receive some 2,066 10 lb ABC dry chemical extinguishers. Cohen said dry chemical extinguishers work best in villages because of the lack of water. The extinguishers, he added, have been known to contain a house fire until the fire department arrives to finish up.

The project is funded under the state's revenue sharing program. Each town or village operating a full-time paid or volunteer fire department receives five dollars per annum for each person served by the fire department.

To be eligible for this revenue sharing, the village fire department must be registered with the Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office in Juneau. As of now there are only 169 fire departments registered. The forty six villages receiving the extinguishers represent only 10 per cent of Alaska's villages.

Cohen said that the villages are given a training program which teaches the need and the use of the extinguishers. The program is expected to expand next year. Cohen said that "the highest rate of loss (property and life) in the nation are in our vil-

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Rock Journalism Fellowship Presented to Marilyn

FAIRBANKS Marilyn Richards, an Eskimo from Kotzebue, has been awarded the first Howard Rock Journalism Fellowship presented by the Alaskan Arctic Gas Study Company through the University of Alaska, according to Jimmy Bedford, head of the Department of Journalism.

Miss Richards is a junior majoring in journalism at the university. The fellowship will provide her with \$250 a month and an opportunity to gain practical experience with the "Tundra Times," Alaska's Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut newspaper.

In presenting the grant to the university, Robert Ward, president of Arctic Gas, said "the Howard Rock Journalism Fellowship is one of the many programs we shall be initiating in support of the Alaskan community."

He added that the "Tundra Times" is an integral part of the Alaskan community and we are honored to be able to assist in its growth — and at the same time provide journalism opportunities for University of Alaska

students."

The aim of the fellowship is to assist the "Tundra Times" during a critical time in its development by providing the

funds for acquiring additional journalistic help, to give a journalistic student some professional work experience on a small Alaskan publication.

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MARILYN RICHARDS of Kotzebue accepts a fellowship check from Robert Ward, right, president of the Alaskan Arctic Gas Study Company. Richards is a junior majoring in journalism; the fellowship is named for Howard Rock, left, editor of the "Tundra Times" newspaper. It will provide her with \$250 a month plus an opportunity to gain practical experience on the Times, an Eskimo, Indian and Aleut publication. (UA photo by JIMMY BEDFORD)