



SENATOR HENRY JACKSON MAY HOLD LAND HEARINGS

Constitutional Rights Bills Effect Natives

"Though evidence of the denial of substantive and political rights has been brought to the subcommittee's attention, it is apparent that an Indian citizen's rights are most seriously jeopardized by the tribal government's administration of justice," so summarized in part the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

"These denials occur," the subcommittee continued, "it is also apparent, not from malice or ill will, or from a desire to do injustice, but from the tribal judges' inexperience, lack of training and unfamiliarity with traditions and forms of the American legal system."

Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina last May introduced a series of bills (five) and a Senate Joint Resolution 87, to safeguard the constitutional rights of American Indians.

The series of bills are the result of intensive investigation of the legal status of the American Indians and the problems they encounter when asserting constitutional rights in their relations with State, Federal, and tribal governments.

The subcommittee sent out some 2,000 questionnaires as well as holding hearings in 14 states in which 36 separate tribes, bands, or other groups of Indians were heard.

Four national associations representing Indians, as well

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Kasigluk Supports HR 11164 in Note To Pres. Johnson

The village of Kasigluk on the Kuskokwim delta last Monday wrote a letter to President Lyndon Johnson supporting the land claims bill H.R. 11164 introduced by Rep. Howard Pollock in the House of Representatives.

The following is the letter signed by Irvin Brink:

Kasigluk
Alaska
22 July 1967

Dear Sir:

We feel that we have the right to write to you about this land of ours. Our forefathers have lived here long before Alaska was discovered by anyone. Alaska was not bought from us. We feel that it should have been bought

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WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE?—Little Elijah Rock, Jr., son of Elijah and Dorcas Rock of Point Hope and Barrow, is straining to look to his right. Perhaps he sees a husky pup playing around. He is being carried around on the back of a young girl attendant in a jacket. Eskimo babies are usually carried in that manner in parkas but since it wasn't cold, little Elijah didn't mind the substitute. The baby is a happy arrival to his parents who lost their three young children in a tragic fire at Barrow about a year and half ago. The baby's father is the adopted son of Allen and Frances Rock and nephew of the editor of Tundra Times.

—Photo by SHEILA TURNER

Sen. Bartlett Calls for Equal Opportunities

FAIRBANKS—Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett called for "a commitment to the promise of America" in his remarks at the dedication of the new Arctic Health Research Laboratory in College, Alaska.

Senator Bartlett chose the occasion of the dedication of the science research center to quote Thomas Carlyle's words of 1827: "The great law of culture is: Let each become all that he was created capable of being." The Senator said these words still have meaning for this age in which lust for power, disdain for law and disregard for injustice divide man and

nations as never before."

Bartlett said that the men and women of the Research Laboratory, through their commitment to science, were doing their part to fulfill Carlyle's Law, but he observed that science alone cannot do the whole job.

"By itself, science cannot change conditions and beliefs which divide nations and threaten the world with extinction through use of science's greatest achievements," Bartlett stated.

"Until nations use reason and not force to settle disputes, until the people of this nation accept all its citizens as equals and until

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Gruening Says He'd Like to If Senator Jackson Does Not

Senator Ernest Gruening said this week that Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington, and chairman of the Interior Committee on Insular Affairs, would like to have a full committee hearing on land claims rather than having the subcommittee hold the hearings.

"Sen. Jackson feels that if the subcommittee hold the hearings, it would take time because the subcommittee would have to report to the full committee," Sen. Gruening said.

Gruening thought that this was a good idea which would expedite the deliberation on land claims.

"I've asked Sen. Jackson to hold the hearings here in Fairbanks, or Anchorage where the largest population is centered and possibly easier to get to by travel," Gruening stated. "Jackson holding the hearings himself would also add to the prestige of those hearings

but it is not always easy to get men like Sen. Jackson to come up to Alaska."

In the event that Jackson is unable to hold land discussions in the state, "I would like to conduct the hearings myself," said Senator Gruening.

"There are two land claims bills introduced in Congress now, one quite different from the other. 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' I think that's a good saying as far as the land bills are concerned," the Alaska senator added, indicating that something in between might have to be worked out.

The Senator is a member of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs. Sen. George McGovern is the chairman of the subcommittee.

Sen. Gruening expects the land hearings to start shortly after Congress adjourns.

"Congress usually adjourns around the middle of October," he said.

Eskimo Dance to a 'Square Drum,' Pretty Girls to Be at 1967 Olympics

"We're going to bring the prettiest Eskimo Girl in Canada to the Eskimo Olympics to compete in the queen contest," Tom Butters told Laura Bergt over the

phone this week.

Butters had had a lot to do with generating interest at Inuvik, N.W.T., in having that town to participate in the World Eskimo Olympics this year.

"We'll have about 40 people, contestants and spectators, on a C-46 charter to Fairbanks," added Butters.

Tom Butters is the editor of THE DRUM at Inuvik and Laura Bergt is the chairman of the World Eskimo Olympics.

"We'll have about 15 girls

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Gov. Hickel Asks Shriver's Help to Fight Poverty

JUNEAU—Alaska Governor Walter Hickel has called on the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington to join in efforts to gear up a special state-federal task force to fight poverty in the 49th State.

In a letter to Sargent Shriver, director of the OEO, Hickel said, "I invite you to join with us in our efforts and give us the benefit of

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Lorraine "Honey Bun" Peterson

"HONEY BUN"—Lorraine Dale Peterson is the Fort Yukon entry for the World Eskimo Olympics Queen pageant during the Olympics August 9-12. Honey Bun is five-foot three inches tall and 18 years old. She was born at Fort Yukon but has lived in Circle and Beaver. She likes swimming, skating and sewing.