

Oil Industry Spending Nears \$2 Billion Mark

Recent figures indicate the petroleum industry's investment in Alaska operations approached \$2 billion in the decade ending in 1968.

Alaska Oil and Gas Association statistics show overall industry investment at \$1,908,372,047 for the years 1958-1968.

Petroleum companies themselves reported spending \$538,298,697 on Alaska operations in 1968 alone. Allied industries—drilling, geophysical, supply and service companies—reported spending \$86,557,130 in 1968.

The overall industry total for 1968 was \$624,885,827, about 63 per cent above 1967 expenditures.

Direct income to the State of Alaska from industry operations totalled \$37,161,953 for the 1968 calendar year, for a sum of more than \$214 million since statehood.

These revenues were derived from royalties, lease rentals and bonuses, filing fees, drilling permits and production and conservation taxes.

An additional \$8,510,160 was paid by the industry in 1968 for local taxes and state taxes not based on oil and gas production. The total paid by the industry was \$58,868,217 in the 1958-1968 decade.

Not included are state income taxes paid by personnel of oil

companies and allied industries.

The figure for total investment in Alaska in the decade does not include approximately \$77 million spent to replace or repair marketing facilities damaged or destroyed in the 1964 earthquake.

Cordova Housing

The Alaska State Housing Authority is soliciting bids for construction of 16 units of low-rent housing in the City of Cordova. The project will include two, three, and four-bedroom apartments in a four-building complex.

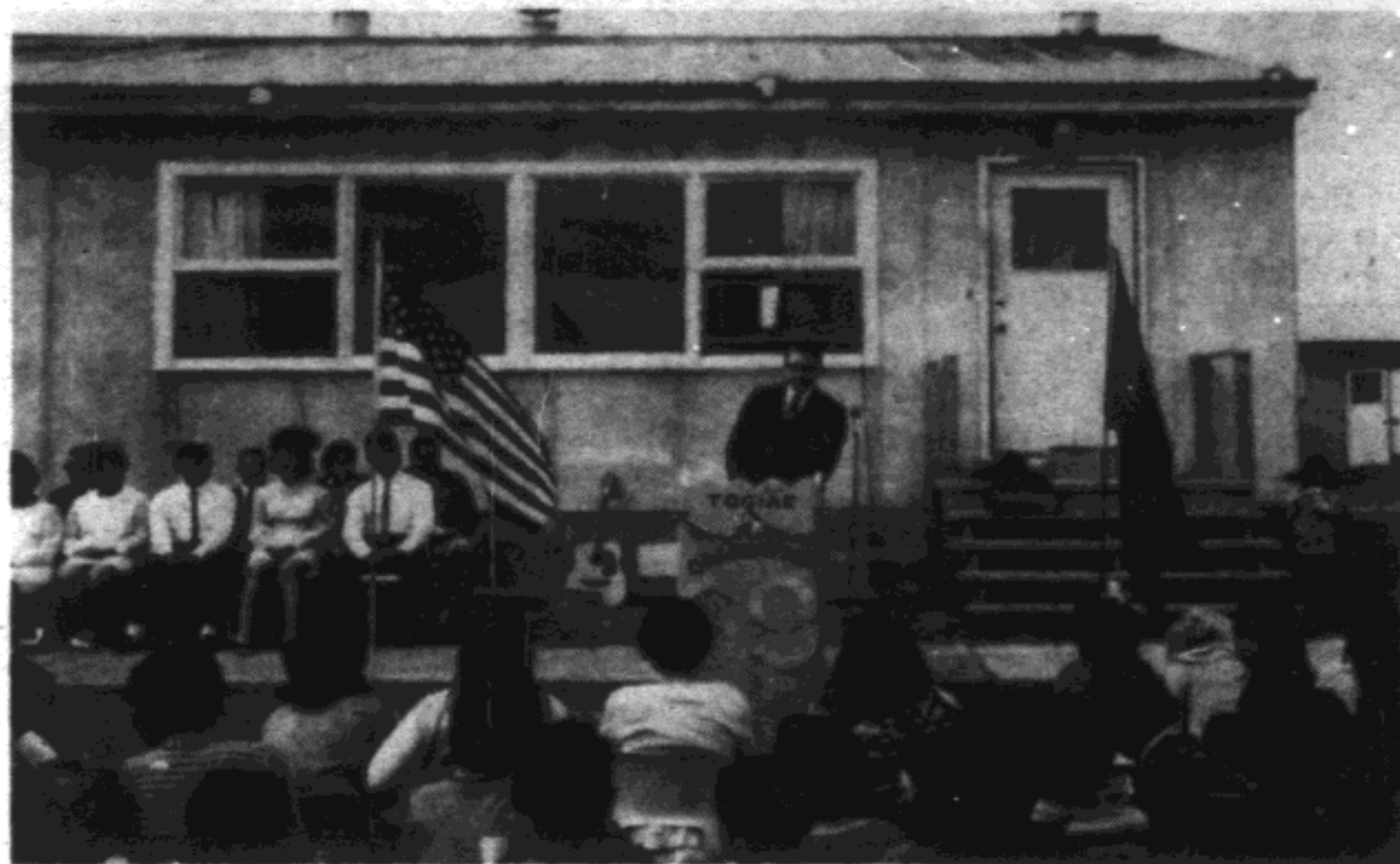
This project was advertised a year ago but all the bids received were higher than funds available.

The specifications have been substantially modified and Jay Mueller, Executive Director for ASHA, said today that the Authority now expects to obtain bids within the funds allocated for the construction.

Mueller indicated that the project will not be ready in time to alleviate the present critical need for housing resulting from the recent fire in Cordova. He said that the new project will probably be ready for occupancy in mid-1970.

The bids for the Cordova housing project will be opened June 5.

Togiak Graduates 8th Graders



OUTDOOR CEREMONY—Congressman Howard Pollock is giving a graduation address at the exercises recently at the village of Togiak at the graduation of the 8th graders.



POSING FOR PIC—Togiak 8th grade grads are posing with Congressman Pollock, Left to right: June Smith, author of the accompanying article, Anecia Pauk, Pollock, Ledia Dyasuk and Mary Gosuk. Others not pictured were: David Nanalook, Sam Arkanakyak, Daniel Nanalook, William Kohuk, Wassilie Togiak, Joseph O. Andrew, Charlie Bavilla, Johnny Dyasuk and Evon Kanule.

Speaker Pollock Urges Retention Of Native Tongue

By JUNE SMITH
Togiak, Alaska

On May 20th, 1969 thirteen eighth grade students at Togiak graduated. Congressman Howard Pollock, State Senator Jay Hammond, State Representative Joe McGill, Betty Aley, and pilot Bob Harris all attended our graduation.

Congressman Howard Pollock gave our graduation speech. He told us to continue our education and return to the village to teach. He stressed the need for bilingual teachers and told us to remember our native language.

Reverend Andrew Andrews translated Congressman Pollock's speech into Eskimo so that all of the people who were at our graduation would know what he said.

Each of us graduates gave a speech. We told what our future plans were. We gave our speeches in Eskimo and then translated them into English by ourselves.

Our graduation program started with the song "Alaska's Flag" followed by the Invocation by Reverend Andrew Andrews. The first Grade class and their teacher Miss Helen Stewart led the flag salute.

The welcome address was given by the principal teacher Miss Rosalie Tyler. Congressman Pollock was introduced by the Togiak Area Superintendent of Schools, Terry Chase.

John O'Hara, eighth grade teacher and class advisor, presented the graduates to William Coupchiak, chairman of the Advisory School Board, who awarded the diplomas to the following: Joseph O. Andrew, Sam Arkanakyak, Charlie Bavilla, Johnny Dyasuk, Ledia Dyasuk, Mary Gosuk, Evon Kanule, William Kohuk, Daniel Nanalook, David Nanalook, Anecia Pauk, June Smith, and Wassilie Togiak.

Our graduation was held outside because we don't have a room big enough to hold the crowd of over 300 people who came.

After our graduation we had a banquet which was attended by 75 graduates and guests. Congressman Pollock could not stay because he had to go to Dillingham to be the Commencement speaker at the high school graduation.

It is a true saying, that a man must eat a peck of salt with his friend, before he knows him.
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—SELDEN

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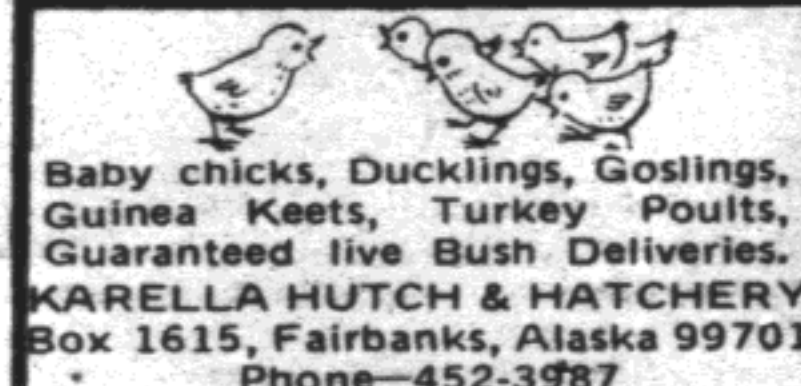
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