



EDUCATION HEARING NOW RESCHEDULED BY MORSE

Recipients of Welfare on Work Training

JUNEAU—Nearly 150 welfare recipients have enrolled at offices of the Alaska State Employment Service during the first full month of a new Work Incentive Program, Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office reported today.

The purpose of the program is to help those persons who are receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children welfare assistance, to become regular wage-earners.

Alaska was the first state to sign an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor to implement the program.

At the time he announced the project, the Governor said it was intended to merge the services of several state agencies.

For example, the Public Welfare Division makes initial referrals, gives family counseling and provides child care facilities. The Alaska State Employment Service enrolls the trainees, develops an individual employability plan, and administers two to four weeks of orientation.

This includes motivation and group sensitivity, hygiene and grooming, labor market information, job interview techniques, work attendance and related subjects.

After orientation, an enrollee is referred to a job training program, placed in a working position, or, in some cases, enrolled in a basic education or high school equivalency class.

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Hearing on First Week of Dec.; Leaders Asked to Submit Ideas

The Senate Subcommittee on Indian Education has rescheduled its hearing and field trip in Alaska. It will now hold its hearing on the first week in December.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon is the chairman of the subcommittee. The exact dates will be forthcoming as soon as they have been set.

The subcommittee plans to hear testimony from Indian, Eskimo and Aleut native Alaskans as to their views of the educational problems in the state.

The leaders of these people are asked to submit a formal statement for inclusion in the committee record on their views of present state and federal education programs, recommendations for strengthening, improving or changing these programs. They are also asked for suggestions for new programs that may be needed to provide an effective education for all native students.

Copies of the statements should be sent to Sen. Wayne Morse, Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

The following outline indicates items that are of concern to the subcommittee and is intended to suggest problem areas which the native leaders may wish to discuss in their reports for the subcommittee record:

A. What are Goals of an Educational Program for Alaskan Natives?

1. As evidenced by present BIA and State programs?

2. What do you and your organization believe the goals should be?

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ALTA MARIE—Fairbanks flood of August 14, 1967 brings together two people and inspires a song and a record album. Recovering from a respiratory ailment caused by the flood, Alta Marie meets her future husband, a tall Tlingit Indian singer and composer, Richard Dick of Skagway. Romance blossomed and they were married early this year. The jacket cover of the album was designed by the singer himself, who is also a painter of Tlingit arts and crafts. The album is available for sale either from Richard Dick or from the Blue Bonnet Recording Studios. The addresses are contained in the story below. —Photo by JIMMY BEDFORD

Fairbanks Flood Plays Cupid; Inspires Love Songs for Album

With all the misery it brought to thousands of people, the great Fairbanks flood of August 14, 1967, nevertheless, sparked an ember and fanned it into an unusual romance and love—and a song was born.

Richard Dick, a tall Tlingit Indian never knew that his future wife, Alta Marie, was going through the miserable discomforts of the flood in Fairbanks

as he labored on the docks of the White Pass-Yukon Railway in Skagway as a longshoreman.

When he was not working on the docks, Richard Dick took his electric guitar to the "Days of the '98 Show" local people of the historic Skagway town performed for the tourists.

Dick is the descendant of the Eagle Clan of the Tlingits and the part he performs in the '98 Show is known as the "Eagles' Days of the '98 Show." Here he sings the songs he composed and renders them in English and in his native Tlingit language.

In time, Dick's Eagles' Days became a feature attraction and he has sung his way into the hearts of many tourists. It has been estimated that he has played before 300,000 people during the ten years he has performed in the Skagway tourist attraction.

Many of the tourists had asked for record albums by Richard Dick but he had never made any until last June 1, when the long playing album entitled, "Alta Marie," was released.

FLOOD VICTIM

Alta Marie came to Alaska during the summer of 1967 "seeking adventure."

"And adventure I did find!" recalled Alta Marie. "After spending several days at Eielson Air Force Base where I was evacuated during the flood, Civil Defense flew many of us to Anchorage, I retraced my steps to Juneau, and came to Skagway earlier than planned to get to Whitehorse."

"Although," Alta Marie continued, "the flood was cataclysmic for the residents of Fairbanks, and disconcerting to

tourists, if it hadn't been that I was caught in it, I would not have met Richard."

Alta Marie had traveled to Alaska from her home city of Fort Worth, Texas seeking adventure and, unexpectedly, it ended up in marriage between Richard Dick and herself.

"We have had a most interesting ten months of married life," she said. "Having lived in a city of a half million all my life, I am very fond of the easy-going yet full life that Skagway has to offer."

The jacket of the record album, "Alta Marie," recounted the meeting of the two future man and wife.

"The catastrophic flood in Fairbanks August 14, 1967, is the calamity which brought Alta and Richard together. As a tourist, who lost all her personal effects, she survived the harrowing experiences of the flooded city only to contract a respira-

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Health Aides to Begin Training At Kotzebue

Community Health Aides from 12 villages in the Kotzebue Service Unit will participate in a two-week training course beginning November 11. It is the fourth course held this fall in the planned series of such instruction for the central and northern regions of the state.

Instruction coordinator is Mrs. Eva Boyce, PHN, the project specialist for the Alaska Native Community Health Aide Training (ANCHAT) program. It will take place at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital at Kotzebue.

Special emphasis will be made on family health during this training session because it occurs during National Family Health Week as proclaimed by President Johnson for November 17-23.

The concept of good family health is part of the overall approach of the Alaska Native Area in raising health standards of the people.

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Low Income Families Moving to New Homes

Ten families have now been selected to occupy the first new homes under construction in Bethel under the "Turnkey" home ownership program there, according to Jay Mueller, Executive Director for the Alaska State Housing Authority.

The developer, Tyonek Management Corporation and Braund, Inc., are working on the interior of the initial 14 homes and it is expected that the families will be able to move in before the end of this year.

The occupants of the homes will be low-income families. Applications are being screened for selection of those who are able and willing to provide repairs and maintenance for their homes; who have reasonable prospects of increasing earning power as time goes on; who have a desire to work and invest in home ownership; and who demonstrate the likelihood of remaining in the home during an extended period.

"People in dire emergency

need are given priority." Harold Grindle, ASHA's Assistant Executive Director of Housing explained.

"For instance, there is a family in this first group of applications which is living in a tent in Bethel—a family with nine children. The family meets the criteria for residence and due to

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Upper Yukon River Press Club Buys T. Times Stock

Upper Yukon River Press Club of Juneau recently voted to buy \$100 worth of Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. stock. The company publishes the Tundra Times.

"I gather that you are trying to re-finance your paper, and all of us certainly wish you luck and success as it's sorely needed," said Richard Peter, secretary of

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Eskimo Mayor of Barrow Sights Joash Tukle's Stranded Crew

The Eskimo mayor of Barrow, Wyman Panigeo, was the man who sighted whaler Joash Tukle and his crew. This was confirmed by Sam Taalak last week. Taalak is the manager of Barrow Utilities, Inc.

Joash Tukle's whaling crew had become stranded on the Arctic Ocean after harpooning the mammoth 70-ton whale. Tukle, along with Ben Itta's crew had begun to tow the great animal but after hours of pulling at a snail's pace ran out of gas.

Ben Itta then took his crew back to Barrow to go for help and managed to reach the big village with just enough gas in his inboard engine.

When the news spread that Tukle had caught a whale but was stranded, a plane flew out to pinpoint the crew but the pilot returned without locating the whalers.

Other planes joined the search but failed to see any trace of the whaling crew. News soon spread

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