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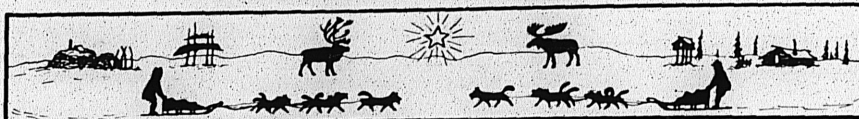
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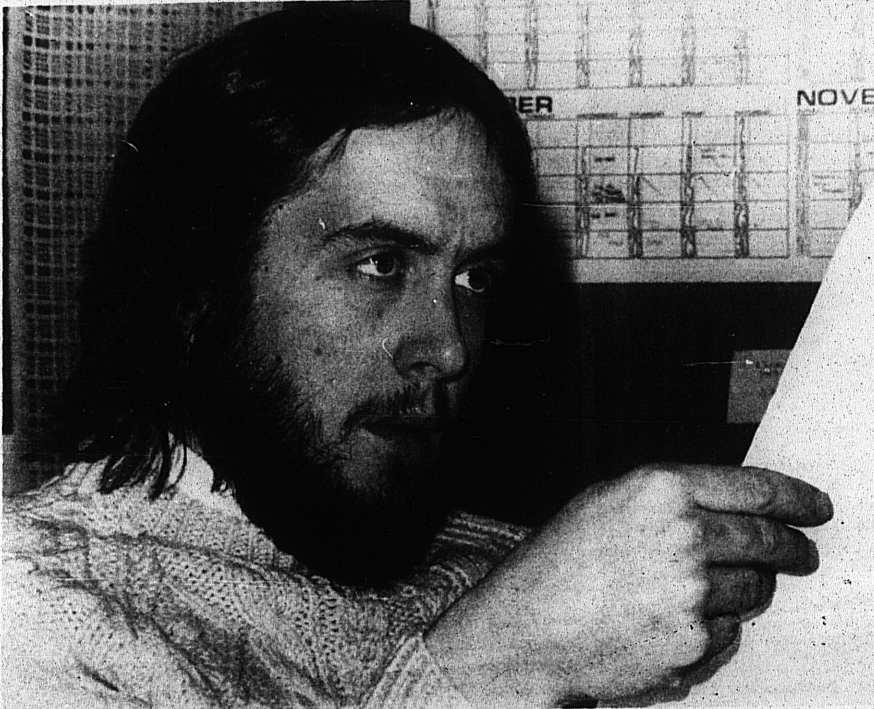


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Calista to tighten money flow



Martin Moore takes helm after 3.5 million dollar loss

By JEFFREY R. RICHARDSON
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It's time to "control the flow of money and tighten up the expenses" according to Martin Moore, new president of Calista Corporation.

The regional Native corporation for the Lower Yukon Koskokwim River Area reported a \$3.5 million loss on its operations this year.

"Most of the losses incurred by Calista are related to the expenses of setting up the 56 village corporations we have in our region," Moore said. This assistance has included obtaining information on natural resources which the villages have used in making their land selections, as well as technical and financial assistance in setting up village corporations.

Moore was selected to run Calista December 9, when the corporation's board of directors met in Anchorage. Moore replaced Robert Schenker, who will continue working on

Calista's Sheraton Anchorage Hotel Project.

Commenting further on Calista's financial loss, Moore emphasized that some of the corporation's ventures may not show a profit for several years because they are long term investments. He said he hoped Calista would be "given a little chance to prove that our investments are not that bad."

Calista owns Settler's Bay, a residential development near Anchorage; R & R Travel, ESCA-Tech, a natural resources study firm, Cal Mar Company, a contracting firm, and the Calista

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REVIEWING NEW HOSPITAL PLANS...

Bill Dann, executive director of Norton Sound Health Corporation, studies plans for the new hospital to serve over 6,000 residents of the Norton Sound area. Morrison-Knudsen Inc. of Boise, Idaho, has been hired as construction manager and construction is to begin in mid-April.

—Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

Norton Sound Health corp. plans new Nome hospital

By MARGIE BAUMAN

NOME—Action by the hospital planning committee, in which Norton Sound Health Corporation has played a leading role, could result in a new hospital for Nome by January, 1978.

The committee and the NSHC board agreed that Morrison-Knudsen Inc. of Boise, Idaho, be hired as construction manager, so that the work can begin in mid-April, 1977, and be completed in time for hospital staff to move in eight months later.

Plans submitted by MK for the project would include remodeling of the present Maynard McDougal Memorial Hospital by July, 1978, so this facility could be used in conjunction with the new hospital, said Bill Dann, executive director of NSHC.

Hospital planners had invited Morrison-Knudsen, Howard Wright Construction of Seattle and Alaska General Construction of Alaska to bid on construction

management. Only MK and Alaska General submitted proposals to the planners in time for their Dec. 7 meeting at Nome. The committee recommended MK.

—LONG TERM APPROVAL—

Prior to the Dec. 7 meeting, Dann and Gretchen Srigley, administrator for MMM Hospital, plus the architect and management consultant, met in Juneau with state and federal representatives, to discuss the hospital. The Dec. 3 meeting resulted in necessary state approval for the project, plus approval of the building program, budget and drawings.

Two big victories for the hospital committee were approval of six long term care beds, an item that was a top priority of NSHC, plus a federal-state agreement to review drawings jointly at each stage.

Both state and the federal officials, from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, must review drawings at each stage of the plan. Separate reviews could have been costly

and time consuming. "It will be a great time-saver in planning," Dann said.

—HIRING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER—

They also discussed hiring a construction manager, another decision that could save time and money.

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Calista eyes reorganization

From Our Anchorage Bureau

The Calista Corporation is keeping a close watch on the reorganization of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Martin Moore, newly-elected president of the Bethel-based regional corporation, said last week that Calista does not want to "jeopardize AFN at this time," but he added, "If the present system doesn't change, there is a probably cause for Calista to depart from AFN."

Calista introduced a resolution at the AFN Convention in October calling for a reorganization of the body, and threaten-

ing withdrawal from AFN if changes were not made. The resolution was ruled out of order because AFN's by-laws require that such changes be made by the Board of Directors. The AFN Board has since authorized a review of the present organization in conjunction with the Human Resources Committee and new President Byron Mallott.

Calista recognizes the need for a statewide Native voice, Moore said, but the corporation's board of directors is looking at "just what AFN has done for Calista with the money we

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Circuit rider offers village management development

From our Anchorage Bureau

It's not easy for a village to become a city overnight. Once villagers make the decision to incorporate as a first or second-class city, they are faced with many new, and sometimes complicated, responsibilities.

To help new cities organize themselves, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs has started a Circuit Riding Training Program to train rural city officials to recognize

and solve the problems of local government.

David Jensen, local government specialist with the department, says the program is a new approach for his agency in dealing with rural government problems. "We have traditionally responded to problems because they were crisis oriented," Jensen said. Sometimes the crises were so far advanced they were difficult to solve.

The new program, which began in March, dispatches local

government specialists to more than a dozen villages to meet with city councils and administrators. These state experts in city finance and management are the circuit riders.

Jensen explained there is no standard approach to the training sessions because each local government has different problems and degrees of experience dealing with them.

"Each city is socially, economically, culturally and

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