

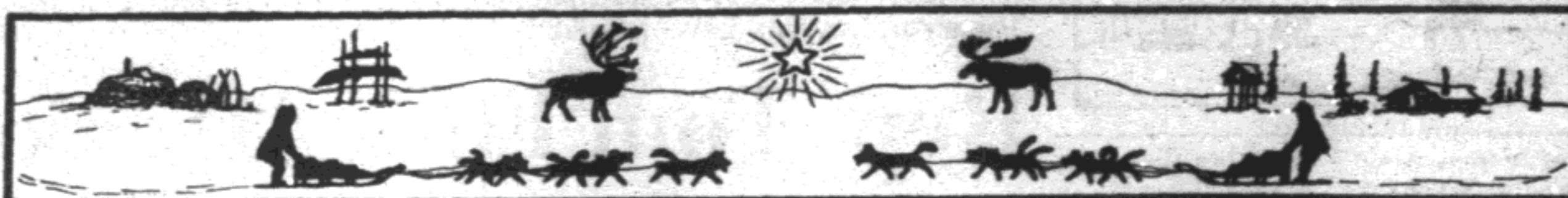
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ANCHORAGE SNUBS 'DIP' ISSUE



TWENTY-ONE selectively bred musk ox calves were born at Musk Ox Project, University of Alaska, this Spring. These calves are part of a dom-

estic herd for eventual use in coastal villages in a new economy based upon their underwool, qiviut.

Photo: E. R. LILLEY

Anchorage Councilman Says 'Drunk in Public' Report Is Ding-a-Ling

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A report prepared by the Anchorage Ad Hoc Committee on Drunk in Public has been well received by a minority of Anchorageites and treated with indifference by officials of the City and Borough of the Cook Inlet city.

The reason for the study, presented recently to the City Council and referred to the Borough (which placed it before the consideration of its Health Committee), was explained in the published findings of the DIP Committee.

"It appeared to this group that too many persons, and of these, too many Natives were being arrested for being Drunk in Public; that some were villagers with little understanding of the court procedures they were being subjected to; that arrests, arraignments, and sentences were very hurtful to future employment opportunities;

that imprisonment for the offense was of no rehabilitative benefit, and finally that something ought to be done."

The Ad Hoc Committee significantly identified its findings with those presented by the Task Force on Drunkenness of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. This body made four recommendations which it felt were national in scope.

First, "Drunkenness should not in itself be a criminal offense. Disorderly and other criminal conduct accompanied by drunkenness should remain punishable as separate crimes. The recommendation requires the development of adequate detoxification procedures."

Secondly, "Communities should establish detoxification units as part of comprehensive treatment programs."

A third recommendation stated, "Communities should coordinate and extend after-care resources, including supportive residential housing."

The final recommendation advanced by the President's Commission advocated that research by private and governmental agencies into alcoholism, the problems of alcoholics, and methods of treatment should be expanded."

The Anchorage DIP Committee urged consideration of the Presidential Commission's recommendations for what it termed a "critical" problem in Anchorage.

"We concur with the President's Commission recommen-

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House, Senate Hearings Chiefs' Conference

Hearings on the Alaska Native Land Claims have been set for both Senate and House committees for early next week. Congressman Wayne Aspinall, Chairman of the House Interior Committee has set land hearings for August 4 and 5.

During the House hearings, beginning Monday, the Interior Department is expected to present its position. State officials and native leaders are also expected to testify.

Hearings before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will be held on Wednesday. Native leaders, mostly comprised from the Steering Committee of the Alaska Federation of Natives, as well as state and Interior Department officials will present their positions.

The Tundra Times has learned that Congressman Howard Pollock has requested the Alaska Federation of Natives to present their legislative draft, as it has been prepared by native leaders and legal counsel.

Alaska Native leaders are reportedly disturbed by recent press coverage which stated that AFN has presented a new claims position. The leaders say that there have been no significant changes in AFN position since it was formulated in May.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference met in executive session Sunday, reportedly to discuss the granting of a waiver to oil interests for the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Members of that group indicate that, although the possibility of the waiver and other alternatives were heavily discussed, no immediate announcement can be expected.

Five villages would be directly affected if such a waiver were to be granted. Current plans call for

the pipeline to cross lands claimed by the villages of Allakaket, Bettles, Minto, Rampart, and Stevens Village.

Other items on the agenda included a presentation made by the Land Claims Committee of the Fairbanks Native Association. A number of recommendations were made which currently are under consideration by the Tanana Chiefs Executive Board.

The member villages of the chiefs Conference were urged to

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Importance of Regionals, Villages to AFN

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SPECIAL ESSAY ON THE "REGIONAL CORPORATION CONCEPT AND ITS NECESSITY"

1. BACKGROUND

Initially, as any organization emerges as an recognized entity, there is a background under which it began organization. It must be understood that in the early days of statehood for the State of Alaska, concerted efforts were made by it to select lands granted by the United States Congress. In the exercise of this procedure under the Statehood Act the State went to all corners of its boundaries seeking lands for its own.

It must also be remembered that at the time Alaska was purchased from Russia, a clause in that document conveying the Territory from Russia to the United States, states in part, that the Congress reserve to itself the authority to settle the rights of the Native people of Alaska, and again in the Statehood Act itself that any selection of land by the State is subject to any valid existing rights including those of the Natives of Alaska until the Congress acts to settle the rights theretofore dormant for the last ninety one years.

Under the two documents purporting to protect the rights of the Native people, we as Natives, felt assured that no one, not certainly our own State, would step all over us in the process of their selec-

tion. In the midst of the quiet operation of the State, and I am not exactly sure that all selections were made with proper notification, we became aware of where the selections were being made. Periodically, screams of "trespass" and you are "taking our land" were voiced from different quarters of the State. However, all screams fell on deaf ears and the selections continued and progressed without even once stopping to see who they were stepping on.

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CBS Plans to Nationally Televis Tanacross Land Affair in Sept.

The Columbia Broadcasting System's Mike Wallace 60 Minute Show will include Chief Andrew Isaac, his people, Rep. William Hensley and other personalities for 20 minutes on the land problems of native Alaskans especially those of Chief Isaac.

The show will be screened nationally some time in September according to Paul Loewenwarter, assistant to Mike Wallace.

Chief Andrew Isaac told Tundra Times this week that Mike Wallace and his crew were in

Tanacross recently filming and asking questions from 9:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.

Wallace and his assistants had previously visited the community a few days earlier. They then traveled to Kotzebue where they engaged Rep. Hensley. They also spent some days in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Wallace and Loewenwarter were alerted to the Tanacross land problem by a series of articles regarding the controversy in the Tundra Times.

Reservations for Banquet Begin To Come in

The interest in the October 4 Tundra Times banquet in Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom is beginning to mushroom with numerous requests for reservations coming in to the Tundra Times office.

A well known personality among them, Bob Henning, editor and publisher of the Alaska Sportsman, has requested that six reservations be made for him.

Vincent Price, world famous actor, art critic, gourmet and chairman of the Interior Department's Arts and Crafts Board, is expected to be the keynote speaker.