



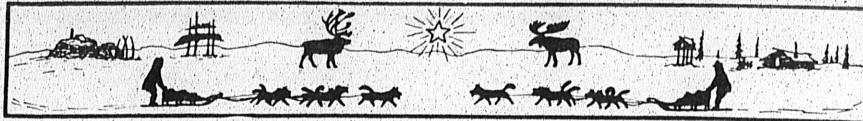
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## JUDGE OVERTURNS RULING

To Observe Problems, Directions—

### Bush Transportation Future Development

By SUE GAMACHE

A Bush Transportation Project was undertaken last spring on a grant received by the Fairbanks Environmental Center from the Alaska Foundation for the Humanities to focus attention on problems and to suggest new directions for its future development.

The project's theme was that transportation systems for the bush should meet felt needs of the people living in the bush—that bush residents should not be forced to change a way of life to meet the needs of transportation industries or the prejudices of transportation planners.

The major finding of the project was the necessity for mechanisms of continuous ongoing participation by bush residents in the decision-making process.

It was also found that new approaches to surface transportation were needed.

Some research had gone into hydrofoils and hovercrafts, but for the most part, the government's program for surface transportation in the bush has been a heedless extension of the Anchorage-Fairbanks highway net.

An example is the Hickel Highway, constructed at great cost, and now a less than useless scar eroding across 200 miles of tundra.

In 1974, the Department of Highways proposed a road through the Kobuk Valley linking Fairbanks with Nome.

It was found that maintenance costs on such a road would probably exceed Nome's municipal budget, and the initial cost would probably exceed Nome's value.

Moreover, 90% of the adult residents of the Kobuk Valley signed petitions in opposition to the road.

The project made several recommendations on how existing transportation systems could be changed or improved.

The first recommendation is that bush residents must be provided with information and have a say in the transportation matters that concern them.

Recommendation 2 states that the Alyeska Haul Road should not be opened to public use while residents remain opposed.

Recommendation 3 concerns "island" transportation networks.

Bush residents would rather pay excessive freight rates than suffer highway borne invasion,

but that is not to say they're satisfied with the high freight rates they pay.

The 4th recommendation says that the snowmachine should be considered in transportation plans.

In the bush, the snowmachine is a significant element in the existing transportation system, often the major element in local

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THE LOS ALAMOS Scientific Laboratory's Dr. John H. Wolcott will be scientific commander aboard the NC-135 aircraft based at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Alaska for Operation Periquito—a barium plasma probe of the earth's magnetospheric cleft. The success of the mission will be dependent upon optical observations recorded from two NC-135's loaded down with cameras similar to those being inspected here by Dr. Wolcott. (Photo courtesy of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.)

### Operation Periquito Under Way

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., November 12, 1975 — The University of Alaska Geophysical Institute and Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Alaska will play a key role in an international probe of the earth's magnetosphere that will involve scientists and support personnel in the continental United States and a sizeable portion of Canada's Northwest Territories as well.

Researcher's from the Geophysical Institute will be staffing two radar-like ionosonde stations along the Arctic Circle in the Canadian Northwest Territories. Eielson AFB will be headquarters for one of two specially equipped NC-135 "flying laboratories" that will be making aerial observations of the experiment.

Operation "Periquito" (Spanish for parakeet) is the name of the study being conducted by the Los Alamos (New Mexico) Scientific Laboratory (LASL); the University of Alaska Geophysical Institute; Sandia Laboratories at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and the National Research Council of Canada (NRC).

The operation represents the latest in a series of probes of the earth's magnetosphere most of which have been participated in by members of the Alaska Geophysical Institute.

A pioneering experiment in 1971 by LASL and the University of Alaska allowed scientists to visually trace for the first time a low latitude geomagnetic field

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### Village of Solomon Near Nome Among Ten Eligible for ANCSA

By MARGIE BAUMAN

NOME — A federal court judge in Washington, D.C., Friday overturned an Interior Department ruling that Solomon and 10 other villages are ineligible to participate in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell issued a summary judgment which found that Interior officials violated due process of law in their initial decision.

He promptly reinstated the Bureau of Indian Affairs decision which declares all 11 villages eligible.

The judge said the action of the BIA office in Juneau was "the last valid and untainted decision within the Department of Interior regarding status of Solomon, Uyak, Uganik, Litnik, Anton Larsen Bay, Bells Flats, Port William, Ayakulik, Salamattoff, Alexander Creek and Pauloff Harbor.

Officials of Bering Straits Native Corporation notified by phone from Washington of the decision said they were pleased with Gesell's decision.

Government attorneys could appeal the decision within 60 days. In Anchorage, meanwhile, BSNC president Jerome Trigg,

Sr., said the corporation was delighted that Solomon could now select 69,120 acres in the village area and participate fully in the settlement.

At Nome, Bobby Curran, 31, an accountant who heads Solomon Native Corporation said he was "very much surprised and glad that it came through. We've been waiting patiently for the decision," he said.

The 20-page opinion by Gesell found that the Interior Department violated due process in decisions of ineligibility for Solomon and other villages. In the Solomon case Gesell made three major points.

The judge found that the Secretary of Interior had violated due process by "in camera" proceedings involving status of the village. "In camera" is a legal term referring to secret

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### Guide for Publications—Historical Library

By SUE GAMACHE

A guide listing and describing publications issued by regional and village corporations will be published by the Alaska Historical Library in Juneau.

Previously, the Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums published: A Bibliography of Alaska Native Organizations and Selected Reference on Alaska Native Land Claims which is now out of print.

This guide is a follow-up on the earlier bibliography and the library's effort to make information available of current interest and historical importance.

The Alaska Native Corporations Publications Project is two-fold.

It involves the development of a permanent file in the Alaska Historical Library of all Native corporation's publications (annual reports, shareholder's reports, newsletters, consultant studies, surveys, etc.) as a historical record of their accomplishments and a guide describing this collection.

According to Phyllis Nottingham, librarian for the Alaska Historical Library, letters have been sent to regional and village Native corporations requesting a copy of their

publications.

"The library needs complete files so back copies are needed of the publications. If the corporations do not have extra copies of publications the library would like to borrow a file which will be returned as requested," stated Ms. Nottingham.

Publications should be sent to the Alaska Historical Library, Phyllis Nottingham, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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### Claims Textbook Analysis Among Educ. Brd. List

An agenda ranging from Land Claims Textbook development to analysis of G.E.D. Retesting policy confronted the State Board of Education members meeting in Juneau, Oct. 29.

Scheduled at 10 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the State Office Building, the meeting will also include review of the TECAB evaluation of the Special Education Program of the University of Alaska, Juneau; confirmation of the appointment

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