



NOME ARMORY DEDICATED—The Alaska National Guard armory in Nome was dedicated to the memory of the late LTC William W. Caldwell in ceremonies observing Veterans' Day in the far north city last weekend. COL Caldwell, who was lost in an aircraft accident on Mt. Sanford last winter, had lived in Anchorage since 1968. Prior to that time, he had served with the Nome-based 1st Scout Battalion for more than 12 years, commanding the unit from 1965 until 1968. On hand for the dedication were Mrs. Caldwell and son, Eugene, now living in Enumclaw, Washington.

Cannikin Exploded Nov. 6...

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point began to move a few seconds later but the effect was localized. At Adak, a slight movement was reported but closer by at Unalaska no movement was felt.

The initial shock measured 7.0 on the Richter scale. A tsunami warning for the Aleutian islands was cancelled 25 minutes after the blast when aftershocks had already died down.

The test, which generated wide protest both in Alaska and the rest of the United States and Canada, changed few minds. Many islanders continued to fear later radiation leakage, though there was no airborne radiation.

Opponents to the blast lost a last minute appeal when the Supreme Court decided 4-3 Saturday morning in favor of going ahead with the test. Environmentalists and Aleutian islanders claimed the blast posed a threat of possible earthquakes, tidal waves and danger to marine life.

James R. Schlesinger, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, arrived on the island two days before the blast with his wife and two of their eight children.

During the blast, observers on the island reported no unexpected ground motion. The two Schlesinger children were reported unperturbed by the blast effects.

Of the Aleutian Islands, only Adak reported any ground motion.

The blast Saturday tested the warhead of the Spartan anti-ballistic missile, which is designed to destroy enemy intercontinental ballistic missiles outside the atmosphere by bombarding them with a screen of x-rays and neutrons which would render their electrical components useless.

Cannikin marked the third time an atomic bomb was tested on Amchitka Island. Longshot, a device equivalent to about 880,000 tons of TNT was detonated on October 1965. Its purpose was to refine techniques for detecting underground nu-

clear explosions in other parts of the world.

In October 1969, the one megaton Milrow blast was exploded as a 'calibration blast' for the Cannikin test.

AEC officials have said no other tests are foreseen in the immediate future on Amchitka.

By the time it leaves the island, the AEC expects to have spent \$200 million on Cannikin and Milrow.

RCA Erects Radio Tower in Bethel

BETHEL, Alaska, Nov. 2—A 260-foot-high guyed tower was erected here for the transmission and reception of Very High Frequency voice and microwave signals, announced RCA Alascom Executive Vice President, Fred D. Chieff, Jr.

"Installation of the new \$40,000 facility is significant because it clears the way for making Bethel the first operative base station in RCA Alascom's Bush Telephone Program—a program that will ultimately provide telephone service to 142 rural villages throughout Alaska for the first time," said Mr. Chieff.

As one of the 20 central locations in the extensive Bush Telephone System planned by RCA, the Bethel Base station will be equipped with the automatic control equipment to accommodate Very High Frequency

Kotzebue Election Box Heisted by Election Critic

(The following report, taken from the KOTZEBUE NEWS, was written by Jane Pender the day after election day. Mrs. Pender, a columnist for the ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS is editor and publisher of the Kotzebue newspaper.)

By JANE PENDER

Kotzebue, which has been making headlines regularly the last few months, did it again, this time with a city election which is currently neither yes, no, or maybe. Eleven City Council candidates don't know if they're in or out, and ballot boxes and registration book have been sealed.

What happened, as far as can be reconstructed, is that a local citizen feeling the method of depositing ballots—with identifiable registration number attached, was illegal, snatched the book about 7 p.m. election night and made off with it.

Since the book is necessary to establish the tally, that ended any attempt to count ballots. The box was sealed, and the judges, who had witnessed the event, retired to City Hall to record their impressions for Magistrate Fletcher Gregg.

He was soon reinforced by State Troopers who took more depositions far into the night, and who recovered the registration book, and sealed it and the ballot boxes pending some kind of decision from state election officials.

To be decided, as of 11 a.m. Wednesday:

- (1) Is the election legal?
- (2) Will the ballots be counted.
- (3) What happens to the miscreant who made off with the book?
- (4) Will we have another election, and if so when?

Thursday night Council meeting should be well attended.

Beltz Again Launches Operation Christmas

Again this year Beltz students and staffs have launched operation Christmas, an all out effort to obtain needed funding to send home and back 165 Eskimo students for Christmas. Forty days and a long ways to go. We are considering thousands of dollars, thousands of total miles of travel, and forty short days to go.

What has been done to date? Initially parents and the regional school board members in each village were contacted and encouraged to help if possible by a December 15 deadline. However, many families have difficulty raising the required money for the round trip fare for their student or students.

An appeal for jobs for needy students has been made because these Beltz students do not expect a handout. Nome is responding as only Nome can but Nome is a small community, and jobs are hard to come by. The magic number for any odd job is 443-2201, Beltz Dormitory Speedy Employment Service.

Several recreational type money raising events have been held and several more are in the planning stage. The students and the staff are open to any and all suggestions and sponsorship assistance from the many civic

and social organizations in Nome and for that matter Alaska.

The assistance being received from our Nome airlines has been terrific and without reduced fares Beltz wouldn't stand a chance.

The students have to raise in the neighborhood of \$6000 more, close to \$35 more per student in forty days time.

The drive is on. Beltz students want to thank all those who have helped and those who will help in the next five weeks. They hope to make the deadline and head for home and family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ralph Perdue

Native Jeweler

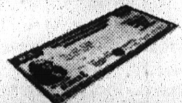
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