



UA STRESS COMMUNICATIONS

Pipeline Route Conference Here Opens June 3

By MARGIE BAUMAN

A pipeline corridor conference, planned as an exchange between state, federal, private and community groups involved in and affected by pipeline construction, opens June 3 at the Travellers Inn at Fairbanks.

In all some 30 incorporated and unincorporated communities along the pipeline corridor have been asked to send representatives, along with four regional Native corporations: Doyon, Limited; the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Ahtna Inc. and Chugach Natives Inc.

The conference opens on the afternoon of June 3 with introductory talk by Commissioner Byron I. Mallott of the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Next on the agenda is a message from Gov. William A. Egan whose concern over pipeline legislation caused him Sunday to call a special session of the Alaska Legislature to begin June 17. The governor has said he wants the special session to rework what he feels are inadequacies in earlier trans-Alaska pipeline legislation. On Saturday the governor vetoed the pipeline impact bill, virtually forcing the special session. Impact legislation approved during the regular session of the legislature provides \$10 million in grants to communities that cannot meet the costs of growth required by pipeline construction.

(Continued on Page 6)

Art in School Takes Its Place

The arts are taking their place in the school curriculum alongside the sciences and the spelling bee.

Artists-in-Schools, the program initiated by the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., a federal agency, is catching fire in Alaska.

The results of the recent meeting of the Alaska State Council on the Arts show plans for a \$115,090.00 statewide program of state money, Endowment funds, and grants from the U.S. Office of Education to be matched by money from the local school districts participating in the projects.

The projects are conditional on local monetary participation.

In Bethel, for example, the Bethel Middle School is planning to provide \$8,000.00 to match Alaska State Arts Council grants for a program in Actors-in-School, Dance Movement Teacher, Visual Arts/Crafts Program, and a Film Program.

The intent of the program is not only to have the artist participate but also to have the artist participate in the community.

(Continued on Page 6)



COMMUNICATIONS STRESSED — University of Alaska President Robert Hiatt, extreme right, and his Board of Regents this year picked three men involved in communications on whom the university conferred honorary degrees and these men are, left to right: Robert W. Sarnoff, chief executive officer of RCA; William Randolph Hearst, Jr., director of Hearst Corp.; and Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times. The honors were conferred on a sunny afternoon on May 19 on the campus of the University of Alaska.

— Photo by JIMMY BEDFORD

Thompson Not Running— Ducks State Politics

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (AIPA) — Following several weeks of indecision, during which he consulted with political contacts and friends in Alaska, Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Morris Thompson has decided not to enter the Alaska primary election as a Republican candidate for the office of lieutenant governor of that state.

Thompson (Athabaskan), who was sworn in as Commissioner on Dec. 3 of last year, declined to enter the primary and explaining his reasons for remaining as BIA head in a statement issued May 2 after being mentioned by two of the three Alaska Republican gubernatorial candidates as a possible running mate.

Bristol Bay mayor Jay Hammond and former Interior Secretary Walter J. Hickel both had described Thompson as an attractive candidate for the state government's second highest elective position.

"Over the last three weeks I have been approached by friends who wondered whether I would consider filing," Thompson said. He added that he was honored by the invitation and that he considered the offer to be a challenging opportunity.

"Having only recently been appointed Commissioner of Indian Affairs," Thompson said.

(Continued on Page 6)

Degrees Conferred on Communications Men At Commencement

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska Sunday honored for their distinguished achievements in communications RCA executive Robert W. Sarnoff, and journalists William Randolph Hearst Jr. and Howard Rock.

In ceremonies at the University's Patty Gymnasium, honorary doctor of law degrees were conferred on Sarnoff, chairman and chief executive officer of RCA Corp., and Hearst, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who is chairman, vice president and director of the Hearst Corp.

Tundra Times editor Rock, the son of a Point Hope whaling captain who took on publication of the statewide Native newspaper nearly 12 years ago to provide a united voice for Native peoples, received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters "for his contributions to art and journalism and his great humanity."

In presenting the award, the university cited Rock for being a "sensitive artist and writer, voice of Alaska's Native people."

As for the newspaper itself, the university said "few publications have had the impact of that newspaper, with its unique perspective. Through it, he encouraged the political organization of the Native people and pressed continuously for settlement of their long-standing land claims, a goal finally achieved in 1971. Friendly persuasion

rather than militancy has marked his journalistic efforts and won for him high honors and great respect."

Hearst was saluted as a "distinguished journalist, who at two critical times in her history has come to Alaska's aid in her struggle for political and economic development."

Sarnoff was cited for his work which has "contributed so significantly to the advancement of communications in Alaska, in the world and in space."

In his commencement address, Sarnoff told the class of 1974 that the new federal budget's \$1.8 billion for research on solving the energy shortage has been committed to a program lacking in central leadership and clear design.

The \$1.8 billion is distributed mainly among four different and sometimes competing agencies — the Atomic Energy Commission, the Department of the Interior, the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"It shows every sign of having been conceived in haste," Sarnoff said.

"Only time will tell whether we shall repent at leisure."

(Continued on Page 6)

Selawik H.S. Graduates Its Class of 1974

By DARLENE SKIN

SELAWIK — Selawik High School's first graduation was held May, 1974, at 4 p.m. in the Selawik Friend's Church with a reception following at the high school.

Those in the graduating class were Kenneth Clark (Selawik), Kathy Field (Noorvik), Chuck Henry (Kiana), Lawrence Larkin, Ada Smith, Elsie Starbuck (Selawik), and Kathy Wesley (Noatak).

Helen Davis and Martha Tick-

et of Selawik also took part in the graduation having received diplomas earlier from the Alaska International Academy. Twenty eighth grade graduates also received certificates.

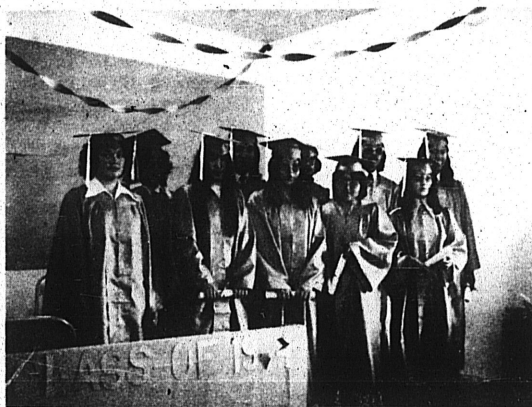
State Sen. Willie Hensley had been scheduled to be the graduation speaker but was in Selawik the Saturday before graduation and explained to the seniors that he had to make a trip to Washington, D.C.

He later sent a telegram of congratulations to the graduating class with his regrets that he could not be present.

Replacing Senator Hensley as speaker were Selawik School Board President Jonas Ramoth and Selawik Mayor Joe Ballot. Jonas Ramoth expressed the pride of the school board and community in this first graduation from Selawik High School.

In a very moving speech in English and Eskimo City Mayor Joe Ballot said that this first high school graduation was the biggest milestone in the history of Selawik.

(continued on page 6)



... Graduating class at the village of Selawik, Alaska