

Alaskans Asked To Help Form State Policies

The State Legislative Council has initiated a unique procedure to help set policies for the future of the State of Alaska. The council will be involving over a hundred leading Alaska citizens in the formulation of policies that will be influenced by such things as the income of the state from the recent oil lease sales.

"It's a gamble on the part of the council," State Senator Terry Miller said. "We are sort of getting the Legislative Council on the chopping block."

In a unique move this year, the Legislative Council has engaged the prestigious Brookings Institution, a consulting firm from Washington, D.C. to set up a series of four seminars in Anchorage aimed at formulation of policies for the future of the state.

Last Monday, John Osman, senior staff member in charge, Brookings Institution, held a preliminary meeting with the Fairbanks faction of the seminar members.

Osman told the group that the

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oil strike on the North Slope and the sale of oil leases have caused a lot of forces in motion, that perhaps some of them were evil and some good.

He said that the Brookings Institution was interested in helping research on uses of resources and in people interested in the development of policies for the future; that the growth of Alaska was in the immediate future.

"The next five years will be most important," Osman predicted. "The next five years will be set within the next six months."

"It is important," he continued, "to deal with issues that confront you. Issues have to be resolved with policies. We know that the wisdom of Alaska resides with you."

Osman pointed out that the plan for the four seminars was "doing something altogether different. We're asking Alaskans to make the study."

He said that the program was put together to extract wisdom from the state and a 100 people would get together to extract this wisdom; that a policy paper would be produced by 100 Alaskans.

Up till last Monday, Osman said, the consulting firm has had 59 replies toward getting the 100 Alaskan seminar members and that 55 had accepted with four rejections.

He also said that the Brookings Institution had also sent out 300 questionnaires asking the recipi-



BELGIAN KING—The youthful King Baudouin of Belgium recently welcomed the U.S. Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Alliance (NATO) Assembly of which Belgium is host country for the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE). The delegation headed by Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama included Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Karl Mundt (R-S.D.), Sen. Claiborne Pell (R-R.I.), Sen. Stephen Young (D-Ohio), Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), Sen. William Spong (D-Va.), Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.), Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.), and Sen. Edward Guernsey (R-Fla.). The Senate delegation helped deal with the forward

ents their ideas on issues facing the future of Alaska. As a result of this, Osman said, that approximately 500 Alaskans will have had a part in the policy-making effort.

Asked why all of the four seminars were being held in Anchorage, Osman said that it was the question of logistics that made it "impossible to hold them in four places other than Anchorage."

He said the nature of the seminars demanded adequate facilities and his best judgement was to have them in Anchorage.

The first Anchorage seminar will be held on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m., November 9, the first of the series lasting till November 12.

The second seminar will be November 23-26; third, December 7-10; fourth and final one, December 14-17.

defense of the NATO countries against the forward defenses of Russia to the east and discussed the means of "flexible response" in the event of attack. According to Sen. Stevens, King Baudouin was very inquisitive about Alaska. The King inquired about the oil discovery on Alaska's North Slope and inquired about the icebreaker tanker Manhattan and how far it was for such a tanker to make a trip to Europe. "He was a tall, thin, and very intense young man," said Stevens. Photo shows, left to right, Rep. Leslie Arends (R-Ill.), Sen. Karl Mundt, Sen. Stevens, King Baudouin, and Sen. Sparkman.