



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MIKE — An elegant crowd of about 200 gathered at the Gold Room of the Traveler's Inn in Fairbanks last Saturday to celebrate Senator Mike Gravel's birthday. It turned out to be a gala affair with much laughter generated by the master of wit Jud Strunk of the "Laugh-In" show and of Eustis, Maine. His homespun type of humor repeatedly struck the funnybone of the happy audience. Strunk also received a large applause when he sang his current smash hit, "A Daisy a Day." Part of the time, Strunk was accompanied by the Wendy Williamson's Band from Anchorage. The audience did

a lot of dancing. Anchorage Madrigal Singers also entertained the gala crowd with fine renditions. The buffet dinner included baked chicken, baked sheefish, baked salmon, king crab meats. Champaigne fountain flowed through the evening. Shown in the picture are left to right: State Rep. Larry Peterson of Ft. Yukon; Rita Gravel, wife of Mike Gravel; Tim and Mary Wallis and Senator Gravel. Tim Wallis is the president of the DNH corporation of the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

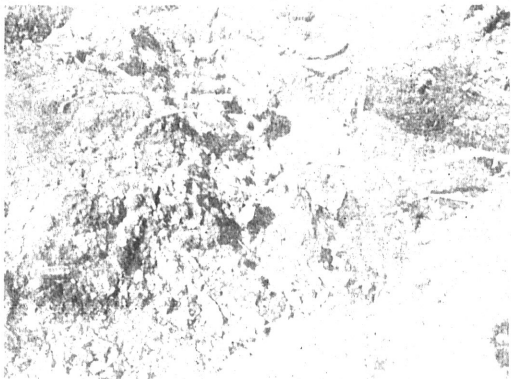
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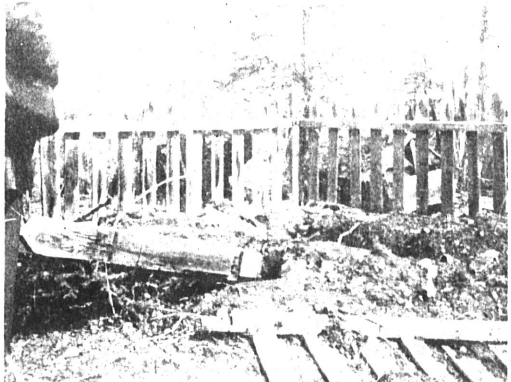
LIGHT MOMENT — During the birthday celebration for Senator Mike Gravel in Fairbanks, the Senator and his wife Rita, got together with local people at the Gold Room of the Traveler's Inn. Laughing with Gravel are, left to right,

Tom Drake, superintendent of the Northern Correctional Institution in Fairbanks; Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times; Rita; Carol Drake, wife of Tom Drake, and Senator Gravel.

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MODERN DAY GRAVE ROBBERY — Photograph taken by Arthur Lee shows "the ruins and debris of a structure that have been dug out of the grave site." There can be no doubt, left side of the excavation.



NEW ROADS BRING VANDALS — More graves are opened up in search for relics and artifacts as new roads make access easy for outsiders.



SCATTERED DEBRIS — Remains of a structure, the "grave treasure", the evidence of a structure that has been dug out of the ground. All photos courtesy of Arthur Lee.

Land Use Planning

The Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission will hold public hearings in Fairbanks on May 17 and May 18 at the Alaskan Civic Center.

A provision of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is to set aside up to 80 million acres for National Parks, Forests, Wildlife Refuges and Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The Land Use Planning Commission is seeking ideas on how the 80 million acres should be managed and will develop proposals, from public hearings, for the Secretary of Interior and Congress.

Anyone who has specific recommendations they want communicated to the Commission should plan to testify at the Public Hearings.

Anyone desiring to present

testimony to the Commission may register in person at Alaska-land in the Administration Office or in person at the Chamber of Commerce Log Cabin in Fairbanks, as soon as possible.

Navy Cleanup

Senator Stevens received word this week that the Navy will begin clean-up operations this summer at Point McIntyre at the entrance to Prudhoe Bay.

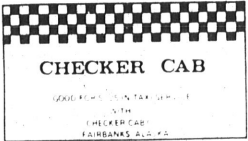
Stevens began pressuring the Navy last fall, after Alaska Commissioner of Natural Resources Charles Herbert called the debris at the Point "by far the worst eyesore in the Arctic."

Stevens said the Navy has funded the clean-up, schedule for completion by next spring.

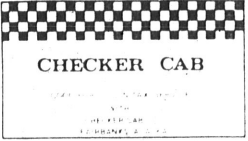
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