

Inupiat Paitot People's Heritage

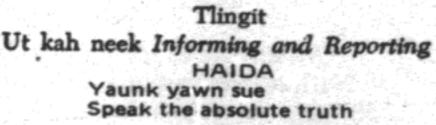
Den Nena Henash Our Land Speaks

Unanguq Tunuktauq The Aleuts Speak

Vol. 7, No. 248



Friday, February 20, 1970



Fairbanks, Alaska



AKIACHAK "BEAVERS"—The Beavers, school basketball team of the village of Akiachak, has sparked the village spirit behind it. Coached by a part Sioux Indian, Dick Wiegand, the Beavers even have taken on Bethel, a team on the junior level, and won one out of three games. There is "excitement" and the team is "really something"

at the village of Akiachak. Kneeling left to right: Ida Isaac, Carrie Noes, John George, Bertha Frederick, Sarah Nelson. Standing: Mike Wassillie, Walter Featherly, John Featherly, Lincoln Peter, Fritz George, Jackson Lomack, Eddie Moses, Charlie Jones, Golga Frederick, Moses George, George Peter and Nick Isaac. (Story on Page 4)

FNA Potlatch to Feature Beaver

Candidate to Formally Announce Tomorrow

Alaska businessman Larry Carr will announce Saturday that he will run for Governor of Alaska. Carr, a Democrat, is 40 years old. He would be Alaska's youngest governor.

For months Carr has been traveling around Alaska talking to people about a possible race for governor.

"These sessions have convinced me," said Carr, "that Alaska has problems that are not being attacked effectively by the present state government. These problems affect all Alaska people and must be alleviated," he said.

"Most people think," he said, "that the state should be doing much more for education, transportation, housing, communications, health and other fields than is now being done. I share that view, and think that I can help."

Carr came to Alaska in 1947 as an 18-year-old laborer. He saved enough money in two years to buy a bankrupt grocery store. From these beginnings he has built the largest retail organization in Alaska. He owns Carr': markets in Anchorage, Eagle River and Kenai, and Foodland Shopping Center in Fairbanks.

"The state government is the biggest business in Alaska," he said. "If managed properly, it can produce great dividends for all the people living here."

He said new money being brought into Alaska now should be invested in Alaska's people to help them find jobs and build houses and solve other problems Alaskans have long lived with. He feels Alaska is a good place

(Continued on page 6)

Big Cash Settlement, Less Lands Proposed

Both the Nixon administration and Sen. Henry M. Jackson have voiced support for a generous cash settlement rather than a large land grant for Alaskan Natives.

overriding royalty in addition to the \$500 million. Hickel told the Senate Interior Committee that the fixed amount of \$500 million would be "far superior" from the Natives' standpoint to a settlement based on an overriding royalty of an unknown value. The AFN had asked for both the \$500 million and the 2 percent overriding royalty. Concerning land grants to the natives, Hickel stated that 15 million acres would be sufficient to meet the subsistence needs of the Natives when coupled with the right of the Natives to use the vast holdings of public land in Alaska for subsistence.

Tail Soup, Muktuk, Caribou, Etc.

The Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch is approaching once again and it promises to be another highly unusual event even to include beaver tail soup in the cuisine as one of the specials on the menu.

Muktuk, much relished black outer skin of bowhead whales by the Eskimos, is expected to be procured from the Arctic Slope community of Barrow to add to a variety of fish, beaver, moose, caribou, reindeer and Indian and Eskimo icecreams.

About 2,000 people paid their admissions to last year's potlatch at the Lathrop High School facility and the like number, or even more, of people are expected to attend this year.

The potlatch will take place on March 21. The meal will be served from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. The admission price will be \$3.00 per person, Lathrop High School will again be the place of the potlatch.

After the feast is over, a program of dancing will be put on in the Lathrop gymnasium.

"Last year, the people wanted to stop and look at the food and this took time," said Sam Kito, president of the FNA. "This year we're adding two more feeding lines so we can serve the people in the shortest time possible."

Al Adams, chairman of the potlatch committee, has sent out letters to the northwest and north slope communities inviting them to participate in the dance programs.

Also, invitations have been sent to the congressional delegation, the governor, local area representatives, borough chairman Fairbanks mayor, President Emil

(Continued on page S)

Interior Secretary Walter Hickel, supported by the Bureau of the Budget, recommended a \$500 million cash settlement with the payments spread over 20 years rather than 10 as proposed by the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Also, the Interior secretary said that his department opposes suggestions for a two per cent

(Continued on page 6)

Barrow Urges Coordination Of Agencies

The city of Barrow and the Arctic Slope Native Association have not been satisfied with the lack of coordination and local input characterizing state and federal programs implemented in their area.

So, in a first-step effort to improve the situation, they called many of the agencies together for a meeting last week in Barrow.

Twenty three representatives from agencies showed up for the two-day meeting Thursday and (Continued on page 6)

Fairbanks NAACP Backs Claims

The Fairbanks Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People went on record this week in support of the Native land claims.

In a general membership meeting Sunday the association urged "all parties thereto to proceed, with haste, to appropriate, by whatever means necessary, monies and land title to erase this blot of shame from the conscience of the American people."

When accepting title to Alaska

from the Russians, the resolution read, the United States did not allot land or title provisions to the original owners as was later done with immigrant settlers on unclaimed government lands who filed suit or claims to lands upon which they had worked and derived their sustenance.

By virtue of the same statutes, the association said, the aboriginal peoples of the State of Alaska should have had title to lands now claimed or disposed of by the Federal Government. Also, by the same statutes, the natives should receive restitution for the lands taken from them.

The Native peoples of Alaska, by virtue of their citizenship, have the right to lay claims to lands to the State of Alaska and the U.S. government, the association said.

For these reasons, the Fairbanks Branch voted to support the Native land claims as filed.

Larry Peterson of Fort Yukon May Seek Office

A reliable source has it that Larry Peterson, Fort Yukon, will be running for the State House of Representatives on a Democratic ticket. He will be running for one of seven seats in the

t Alaska interior.

Peterson is expected to file sometime next month.

A Fort Yukon Native Association president, he is also vice president of the Tanana Chiefs

Conference.

Larry Peterson is 29 years old and he is presently employed by the Federal Electric as an electronics technician. He is of Athabascan Indian descent.