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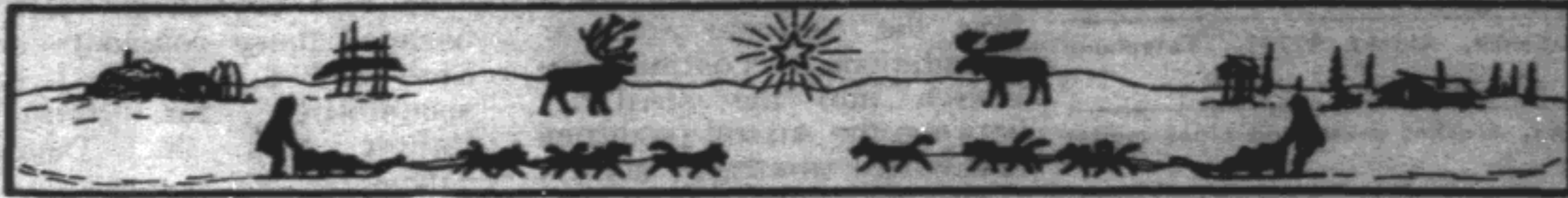
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### STATE'S INACTION ON LAND BILL CAUSES CONCERN



Some of the native leaders are beginning to show impatience because of the lack of action, or the State's reluctance to act on the State version of the compromise land bill drawn up by the Governor's Land Claims Task Force, the State and the Department of the Interior.

Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, probably summed up the feeling of the leaders during an interview with the Tundra Times this week.

"We can understand the Governor's reluctance to sponsor a bill which might be controversial but we maintain that the introduction of the measure and an early solution to the land situation is in the best interest of the State and its citizens,"

declared Notti.

Notti made the statement amid rumors that Governor Walter J. Hickel was under pressure that he not introduce the land bill in the state legislature. It was also rumored that if the measure was introduced, the finance committee might simply hold it in an effort to kill the bill.

"We met as a tripartite group to develop a compromise bill that we could all support—that is the State, the federal government and the native people," Notti continued.

"So the recommended bills, the Congressional version and the State version, have compromises and drawbacks for each party represented, it is the nearest thing we could

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### Governor's Itinerary During Potlatch Trip

Gov. Walter J. Hickel on the day of his visit to the Fairbanks Native Association's potlatch on March 16 at the Monroe High School auditorium, will arrive at the Fairbanks International Airport at 11:00 a.m. on a National Guard plane.

On arrival at the airport, the Governor will hold a brief meeting with the representatives of the FNA who will present him with some recommendations for his consideration.

After the meeting, Hickel will be taken to the North American Championship Sled Dog Races. While there, he

is expected to either officiate the upcoming snowshoe race of the native leaders or present an award to the winner.

Ralph Perdue of Fairbanks had challenged Emil Notti of Anchorage, Don Wright, Anchorage, and Richard Frank, Fairbanks to a quarter of a mile snowshoe race on March 16.

The Governor is tentatively

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### Sackett Offers Amendment to Represent Bush

Rep. John Sackett, R-Huslia, offered an amendment to the law setting up an advisory commission on employment in a bill, H.B.639, introduced in the lower House.

"After consulting with leaders of various rural organizations, I decided it would be wise to give representation on the governor's employment advisory commission to rural areas of Alaska," Rep. Sackett said. "Therefore, my amendment would authorize appointment of one voting member from each judicial district."

Sackett said that studies have shown that over 60 per cent of the unemployment exists in the rural parts of the state.

"I believe the advisory board will do a much better job if it has access to the experience and suggestions of people from the suburban and rural areas," he stated.

**HUSLIA HUSTLER**—George Attla of the village of Huslia, known as Huslia Hustler in the sled dog racing circles, is hustling the final feet of the grueling three-day 75-mile Anchorage Fur Rendezvous race last Sunday in the total elapse time of 311 minutes and 42 seconds. He was shadowed by Bill Sturdevant of Anchorage all the way who finished a

scant 45 seconds behind Attla for the distance of 75 miles. Attla was crippled years ago when right leg stiffened from the tuberculosis of the bone. He drove 16 dogs for the three days when one of his dogs finally gave out (shown riding in the sled) on the last day of the race.

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### George Attla Wins Anchorage Race

"With all the backing I have now, which I never had before, I expect to beat Dr. Roland Lombard or come very close," said George Attla.

George Attla said that in July 1966 while being interviewed by Tundra Times.

Attla had just obtained the sponsorship of the J. C. Penny Company and that company was still his

sponsor when he won the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous championship sled dog race last Sunday Feb. 25.

He not only beat Dr. Roland Lombard in the three-heat 75-mile, (25 miles each

day) race by almost ten minutes, he realized his wish for the second time he made over two years ago.

In order to beat Dr. Lombard, who came in fourth, Attla had

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### Governor May Officiate at the Native Leaders Snowshoe Race

Ralph "Lightfoot" Perdue's challenge to three other native leaders to a snowshoe race on March 16 in the vicinity of the North American Championship Sled Dog Races starting chute in Fairbanks is beginning to gain the stature of that of a major event.

The Tundra Times has learned that Governor Walter J. Hickel will be present either to give the starting signal to the snowshoe race or to present the award to the winner.

Ralph Perdue sometime ago had challenged Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Don Wright, president of the Cook Inlet Native Associa-

tion, and Richard Frank, president of the Fairbanks Native Association.

The competitive spirit has also developed because in last week's issue of the Tundra Times, "Lightfoot" Perdue had called his snowshoe race opponents "chickens" because they wanted to race a block while he wanted to race a quarter of a mile.

Perdue has also been training for the race apparently without the knowledge of his opponents and he is now being accused of "secretly training."

Taking his training seriously, Perdue attached ptarmigan feet at the front ends of his snowshoes that

"supposed to make you lightfooted on the snow like the ptarmigan," according to the oldtime Indians.

During his visit to Fairbanks this week, Emil Notti took note of what Perdue had said in last week's Tundra Times:

"As for the challenge of 'LEADFOOT' Perdue who has been training secretly for the snowshoe race and which he has thus brought to my attention.

"Although I'm not in shape, I think three days practice on snowshoes will be sufficient to leave snow blowing in his face from the back ends of my snowshoes.

"He'll need more than ptarmigan feet. He had better get their wings, too."

### E. Rasmuson Announces Candidacy

Elmer Rasmuson, former mayor of Anchorage, announced last week that he is going to run for U.S. Senate seat now occupied by Senator Ernest Gruening.

It has been known for the past several months that Rasmuson would be running for Senate but the announcement finally came when he wrote a letter to Robert A. Davenny, chairman of the Republican party of Alaska.

"I want you to know, as head of our state party organization," Rasmuson wrote, "of my intention to file as a Republican candid-

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