

Indian Arts Misrepresentation

The Department's Indian Arts and Crafts Board has formally notified ninety-four business firms in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee of the Federal laws and regulations that protect genuine American Indian handicrafts by prohibiting the misrepresentation of imitations.

The action is in response to continuing complaints from Indian craftsmen in the area. Handcrafts are an important source of income for Indian craftsmen and their families nationwide, and the marketing of these crafts has an annual economic impact on the country of several hundred million dollars.

Some imitation products are made by mass-production methods in this country, and others are made overseas. Most are sold legitimately to consumers who want a low-priced fashion accessory or souvenir.

But some imitations are misrepresented by removing labels and markings so as to conceal the country-of-origin of foreign products; by representing products as made by Indian craftsmen when in fact the products are made by others; by mixing genuine Indian handicrafts together with imitations in such a way as to confuse the consumer; and by representing as handicrafts products which were in fact manufactured by machine and/or mass-production methods.

Contemporary Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut artists and craftsmen are creating outstanding handicrafts, and this is recognized by the increasing public demand for their work. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board recommends these guidelines to those who wish to purchase genuine Native American handicrafts;

1. Buy from a dealer with a regularly established place of business, who will be available to answer any questions or complaints you may have about purchase. Itinerant dealers are not

necessarily dishonest, however you have no practical recourse in such dealings, so this means of doing business is most easily subject to abuse.

2. In any case, obtain a written receipt that includes all the information you understand to be true about your purchase. For example, if you believe the piece of jewelry you are purchasing was handmade by a Navajo craftsman, of sterling-quality silver and turquoise, then you should insist that this information appear on your receipt.

3. Complaints about misrepresentation may be brought to the attention of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

Two Source Directories are available that list the major Native American enterprises that retail arts and crafts. Single copies of each can be obtained free by writing to: Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Commencement at Saint Herman's Pastoral School

May 10 was Commencement Day at Saint Herman's Pastoral School in Kodiak. Following a Divine Liturgy at the Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church, seven students received certificates from His Grace, Gregory, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, for having completed the one-year Church Reader's program.

They are Jonah Andrew (Kwethluk), Kalika Cyril (Napaskiak), Jimmy George, Jr. (Angoon), Alexander Nicholai (Napaskiak), Martin Nicolai (Kwethluk), Paul Nicolai (Kwethluk), and Ilarion Pletnikoff (St. Paul Island).

The one year program is an intensive curriculum of studies designed to train Church Readers who may lead Church services in the absence of a priest.

In addition to their theological studies, the students receive instruction in alcoholics and marriage counselling and

complete a course of supervised field work.

Next year Saint Herman's expects to graduate its first student to have completed the full four-year program of preparation for the Holy Priesthood.

Father Deacon Michael Williams of Sitka enrolled in the School when it first opened at Wildwood Station in Kenai, and will enter his fourth year of studies next fall.

On May 11 a graduation banquet was held to honor the students. Archpriest Joseph P. Kreta, Dean of St. Herman's led the festivities at which Kodiak Mayor Tommy Frost, Attorney Roy Madsen, His Grace, Bishop Gregory, and other guests and members of the faculty addressed

the students.

In his remarks to the gathering, Father Kreta noted that next year when his students return, the new dormitory and classroom building is expected to be completed.

In addition to the resident faculty, which includes Father Kreta, Father Paul Merculief and Sister Victoria, Father Michael Oleksa of Dillingham, a visiting lecturer, was also present for the commencement exercises.

Next fall Saint Herman's will add two new full time faculty members to its staff: Miss Janet Maximoff of Youngstown, Ohio (instructor in music) and Dr. John Breck of Paris, France (Professor of Scripture and patris-

NOTICE OF SECOND CLASS INCORPORATION ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Alaska Election Code, as amended, and in conformity therewith, second class city incorporation election will be held on June 3, 1975, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. for the purpose of establishing a second class city under the name of Nuigut.

Also, the election will be held to determine whether a 3% sales tax should be enacted.

Location of the polling place and proposed area boundary will be posted in three (3) places in the proposed area for incorporation. Further information regarding the polling place and proposed area boundary is available from the Election Supervisor, JoAnn Harhut, P.O. Box 577, Nome, Alaska, 99762.

LOWELL THOMAS, JR.
Lieutenant Governor
Dated this 30th day of April, 1975.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fairbanks North Star Borough has been issuing Sales Tax Exemption Cards, to individuals and businesses who qualify, since February 19, 1975. This card permits persons who live outside the Borough, expeditors for businesses, or persons conducting business outside the borough, to be exempted from Sales Tax on purchase of items to be taken outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough for use.

The Sales Tax Exemption Card is available at the Borough Sales Tax Office at a charge of \$5.00 EACH and may be renewed annually.

For additional information come to the Borough Sales Tax office, 514 Second Avenue, Room 103, or call 452-4761, ext. 32 or 33.

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