

TIMES' PRIBILOF WORK NOTED

AEC MAY NOT TEST-DRILL NEAR PT. LAY

Test-drilling in the Point Lay area for possible underground nuclear testing has been postponed until after preliminary studies have been made at the Amchitka site, announces the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Point Lay area is being considered as a back-up site in case Amchitka proves unsuitable for such testing.

"If the Amchitka site proves satisfactory," reports the AEC, "it will not be necessary to drill at the site near Point Lay."

In an interview for the Feb. 10 TUNDRA TIMES, an AEC spokesman said that tests of nuclear warheads for National defense would be conducted in Alaska. He explained that the tests would be far enough underground to prevent any radiation hazard at the surface.

A limited reconnaissance is planned at the back-up site, 50 miles southeast of Point Lay, in case the Amchitka exploration shows that the island is not suitable for the testing.

'Reporter' Magazine Credits Paper for Reform on Islands

THE TUNDRA TIMES has been recognized by the national publication, THE REPORTER, as being the moving force behind far reaching changes on Alaska's Pribilof Islands.

In an article entitled, "Emancipation Comes to the Pribilofs" in the March 9 issue, author Mary Ellen Leary says it was the Tundra Times that spurred two investigations of conditions there.

These investigations, in turn, led to passage of federal legislation "to give Pribilofians a chance for full title to their own homesteads, full rights of self-government,

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Fuel Aid for Anaktuvuk Pass on Way

The fuel shortage at Anaktuvuk Pass may soon be relieved by cooperation among the villagers, the Arctic Slope Native Association, and several governmental agencies.

Under their plan, the villagers will haul coal from

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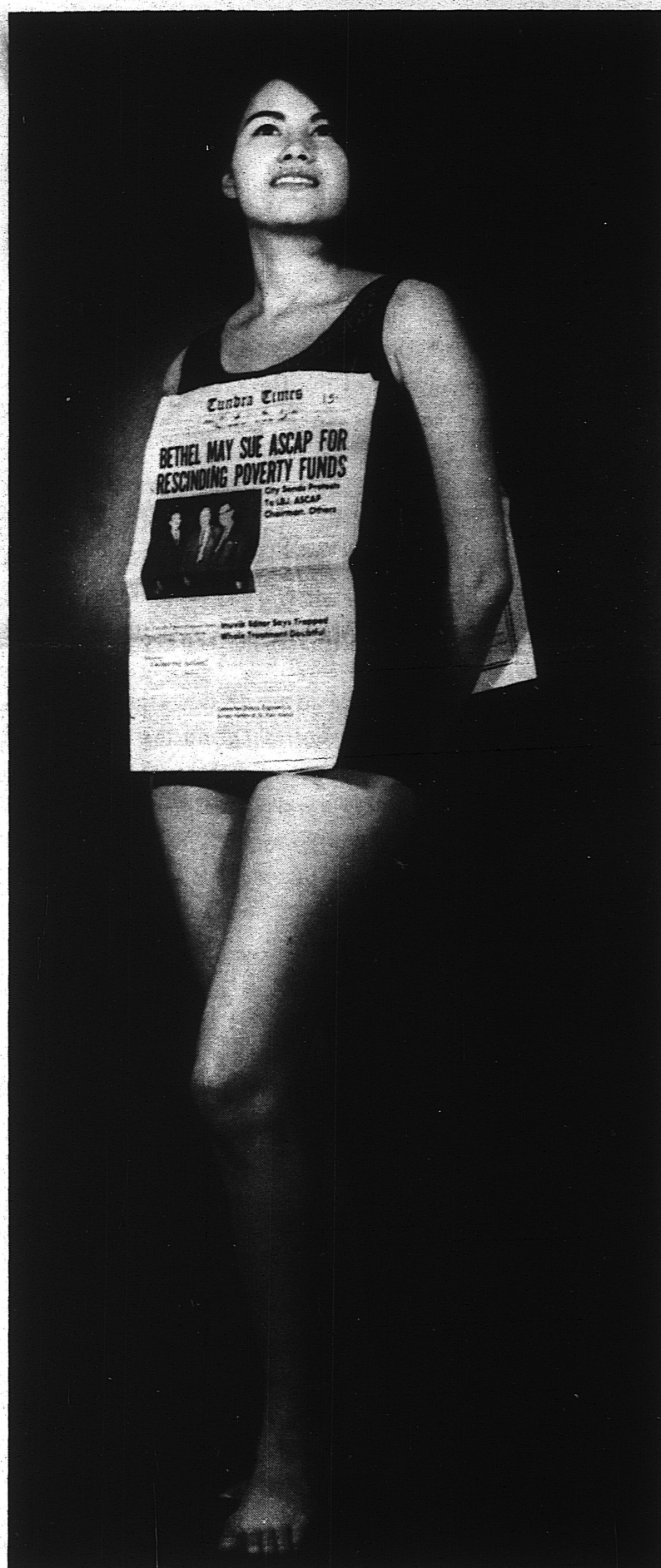
Colorful FNA Potlatch to Be On March 17

FAIRBANKS — For the first time in its five year history the annual Fairbanks Native Association potlatch, held in conjunction with the North American Sled Dog Championships will be open to the general public.

The potlatch will be held at the Monroe High School gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, March 17. Native food and Native dancing from the far corners of Alaska will be the feature of the evening as Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts host one of the biggest parties to be held in Fairbanks

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Charming Toni Evans "Miss Tundra Times"



MISS TUNDRA TIMES will be on hand at the Potlatch March 17 to sell subscriptions to Tundra Times. She is Miss Toni Evans 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Evans of Rampart. Toni has been named "Miss Rampart" to compete in the "Miss Alaska" contest and was a unanimous choice of the Tundra Times executive committee for the title "Miss Tundra Times." She is a freshman at the University of Alaska where she is majoring in elementary education. This summer she will work as a stewardess for Fairbanks Air Service, flying all over Alaska with various tours. You can see her at the Potlatch and if you buy a subscription to the Tundra Times you'll get a free photo of yourself with "Miss Tundra Times"—or with your date.

(photo by Richard Arab)

Final Report on Regional Hi-Schools Now Under Study

A report describing a method for constructing a regional high school system in Alaska has been completed and is now being studied by the State Department of Education.

The report by the Training Corporation of America provides for building six regional boarding high schools by 1975, and eight additional

State Land Suit Money Bill Passes House

Legislation to provide \$44,600 for the State's land claims suit passed the House 23-16 Wednesday.

John Sackett of Huslia joined the Democratic opposition in what was otherwise a straight party vote.

The State's suit seeks to have the Department of the Interior grant patent on selections of land under the Statehood Act, even though Native land claims have been filed on the land.

Democrats William J. Moran of Anchorage and William Hensley of Kotzebue argued

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high schools and junior high schools by 1980.

Many aspects of the report are controversial, and it has already been attacked by Natives and others who favor smaller schools located in villages closer to home.

Under the program suggested in the report, schools and dormitories would be constructed in Fairbanks, Bethel, Anchorage, Nome, Kodiak, and Sitka. Whenever possible, the schools would be tied into the existing systems in those cities.

In addition, a Center for Arctic Education and Research would be established in Fairbanks to study the problems in cross-cultural education and to provide the training for teachers in all the schools. The Center would work with both the Fairbanks school and the University of Alaska.

In the second stage, regional junior high schools will be built at Metlakatla, Haines, Glennallen, Fort Yukon, Tanana, and Delta

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Bill to Aid St. George Island Introduced

Legislation to provide for a townsite survey on St. George Island in the Pribilofs has been introduced by Alaskan Senators Bartlett and Gruening.

The bill is patterned after a law of the last Congress which provided such a survey for St. Paul Island.

The new measure carries five-year transitional grants to help the community es-

tablish services while a tax base is being created. The grants would run from \$25,000 the first year to \$5,000 the fifth, and would be paid out of receipts from the fur seal industry on the Pribilofs.

The Secretary of the Interior would be permitted to survey and patent land outside the townsite for community-designated purposes.