

Don Wright Tosses Hat for U.S. House

Don Wright, president of the Cook Inlet Native Association of Anchorage took the Democratic convention in Sitka by surprise last week when he announced his intention to run for U.S. House of Representatives on the Democratic ticket.

Inexperienced as yet in bigtime politics, Wright admitted to the convention that "I don't know the ground rules, but I learn fast."

Wright tossed his hat into the ring after two other Democrats, John Rader and Nick Begich, both of Anchorage, talked on the convention floor. The two men have already announced

and have been campaigning for the U.S. House.

Wright, a Democrat, is the brother of State Representative Jules Wright, a Republican.

The Sitka Democratic convention drew 500 delegates from throughout the state and choked every available sleeping space in the small city and former capitol of Alaska.

There was a famous visitor to the Sitka convention in the person of Sen. Ted Kennedy from Massachusetts and brother of the late President John F. Kennedy. Ted Kennedy came to Sitka on behalf of his other brother,

Robert F. Kennedy, who decided not to come to the convention as he had planned because of the civil rights unrest since the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, a famous proponent of nonviolence toward solving of racial problems.

Robert Kennedy has announced that he is running for the President of the United States.

John Rader, in his address on the convention floor, lit into the incumbent U.S. Rep. Howard W. Pollock on the issue he intends to carry to the voters.

"...Our Republican opponent

can't get a hearing from the House Interior Committee on the native lands claims bill—a bill he says he favors and a committee he sits upon and that's an issue," Rader charged.

Don Wright is of Athabascan extraction and he was born at Nenana. His line of work is construction.

He is the first vice president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, a statewide native organization. He also represents Alaska native people in the meetings of the National Congress of American Indians, a nationwide Indian organization.

BIA Schedules Bid for Kodiak High School Dorm

WASHINGTON—The Bureau of Indian Affairs has scheduled a bid opening on May 28 for a 252-student dormitory facility adjacent to the state's vocational high school in Kodiak. Senator E. L. Bartlett has announced.

The dormitory building is part of a \$2.5 million project the BIA intends to construct on a three-acre site. Funds for the project were included in the 1968 BIA budget appropriated by Congress.

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BARROW: IS DRUGGED POLAR BEAR SAFE EAT?

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

BARROW, (Special)—For how long are they going out to ice yet, to mark the polar bears, which we do not know.

They have already marked polar bears this week, I do not know how many.

People here, I mean hunters wants to know if they ever killed any one of these marked polar bears, could they be able to take the meat, I mean carcass home for their families?

Because polar bear meat is a top meat for Eskimos all over Alaska.

The other day, two Eskimo hunters shot a bear and they were sure glad when they killed this bear.

But a person, a white man, told these two hunters not to take any of the meat home. Why? It's because, he said, this meat cannot be eaten as the meat was poison.

We Eskimos wonders why they are doing this as Eskimos here wants the meat eaten.

We would appreciate very much if this could be stopped, poisonous the meat.

CHARTER VI SIT

About 44 people from Barrow village has flown to Kotzebue and from there on down to Selawik. They met people there they know well.

Mr. Fred Ipalook, a BIA teacher was one of them. Fred is also a Co-op Native Store president.

Selawik village people there, welcome them, they even show their hospitality to the visitors.

After evening meal, Barrow people were thinking how they would stand the cold while they sleep. But their thinking was wrong. Deer skins were layed on the floor

for them to lay.

They find out that they, or lot of visitors were sleeping without any disturbing from other people. So comfortable some visitors even rest, or sleep longer what they used to.

Why? It's because their warm winter deer skin they layed on for mattresses were new and hair were long, like old days.

People of Selawik who have been in Barrow village said that some day they

probably will visit Northern people.

They said no promising, but they wish they would.

WHALEERS PREPARE

Whalers are getting ready to go out and hunt whales. Lot of them has remodeled their Umiaks, even new oogruks hide on.

Yesterday they said in the meeting to break a trail out to the lead. They planning to break a trail between here and camp, also end of the village.

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