

Democratic District Convention in Fairbanks . . .

the governor and other dignitaries. The Kotzebue Eskimo is a prime Democratic contestant for the nomination as Democratic candidate for Congress.

Hensley came out in favor of a trans-Alaska natural gas pipeline route. A line through Canada, he said, would not contribute to the development of Native and other lands in the state.

Another Native leader on hand was State Rep. Larry Peterson of Ft. Yukon. Peterson commented in an interview with the Tundra Times on the small number of Natives in attendance at the convention.

Part of the problem, said Peterson, is that the Natives lack expenses to pay for transportation to Fairbanks, as well as room and board for the three-day event. "But," he added, "if

Calista . . .

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force employed in any phase of the exploration, drilling or production will be Calista stockholders. Additionally, three, four-year scholarships will be immediately awarded to qualified shareholders, who will undertake college work which would develop managerial Calista citizens. The scholarship provision, somewhat modified, would then continue throughout all of the years that there is a contractual relationship between Calista Corporation and Shell Oil Company.

5. The contract provides that a percentage of oil and gas produced would be available to Calista for its own purposes to provide energy benefits throughout the Calista Region such as the distribution of natural gas for power generation and heating of homes.

Letters

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they buy something they need badly. From among a lot of good men, 10 were selected for the board of directors.

Reading last night's paper it seems people are getting afraid of the week-enders from the pipeline.

It's bad all over the world today. People forget to check something. (The Holy Bible). The Holy Bible foretells what's going to happen.

Today seem to match the last book in the Holy Bible (Revelation). God didn't leave the good people wondering what's going on. It says in the Bible when the leaves are beginning to bud out, you'll know spring is near.

It means when the world is going from bad to worse, it means the end is near.

This is when the people should be happy because this will be the end of this wicked system forever.

Satan's time is running out and he's growing fierce. He is going to try to take all the company he can with him. But if we pick up our Holy Bible and identify ourselves, and ask forgiveness or thank Him for a good life we had. This He have to know now. He won't know people who never touch the Holy Bible. We don't know the hour when will come and open the book. If people are afraid pray and be alert and go on with your duties is His way. Be patient.

There will be some people scrambling for the Holy Bible on that hour but it will be too late.

Sincerely,
Millicent Evans Gray

the Democrats don't start organizing people in the villages, the Republicans will do it."

It shouldn't be overlooked that the state's resources are in the rural areas, said Peterson. "This makes rural residents potentially powerful political entities."

With the emergence of Native organizations such as the corporations, Alaska Federation of Natives and the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Natives are rapidly becoming more sophisticated in convention procedures, said the Native Democrat. "They are able to participate effectively."

EGAN

Indian Bank . . .

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with the bank, said Willson. And no shareholder may own, directly or indirectly, more than five per cent of the total authorized shares.

The bank is the first and only one in the United States to be owned, operated and controlled by American Indians. (Willson said he was open to two secretarial job interviews for Aleuts or Eskimos while in Alaska).

Initial capitalization was \$1 million, but as of March its resources had already grown to almost \$7 million. Individuals, tribes and groups in 50 states are

Dubious Distinction

The brand new American Indian National Bank in Washington, D.C. has a dubious distinction — its quarters are in the same offices formerly occupied by CREEP (Committee to Re-elect the President) located at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, one block from the White House.

privileged to apply for loans, as well as anyone else who wishes.

"We expect this first stock offering to be rapidly subscribed, and it will increase our capitalization by \$4.5 million," said Barney Old Coyote (Crow), president.

The first loan from the Indian Bank to a tribe was made in March when a check for \$375,000 was presented to Chief Claude Cox, executive director of the Oklahoma Creek Nation, for an office building.

"We have been trying to raise money for this project for several years now," said Chief Cox, "but were not able to clear the roadblocks until we applied to the Indian Bank."

Said Alaskan Morris Thompson, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, "The Indian Bank becomes the cornerstone of a long-needed financial structure for Indians . . . At one stroke the bank removes some tremendous roadblocks, and if we use it properly, our progress will be rapid indeed."

Offering comment, Marvin L. Franklin, assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, said, "American Indians can become the richest ethnic group in the world. Proper use of their own bank will enable them to harness their formidable resources and build schools, hospitals, clinics, office buildings and businesses."

Willson said the Alaska Native corporations are viewed by the bank as hopeful future clients.

Bank President Coyote has invited Indians and Natives across the country to write or phone the bank to request a stock prospectus and purchase applications. The address is 1701 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

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Egan lashed out at the major Republican candidates, charging that they are so busy "dodging around trying to disassociate themselves from that Republican mess in Washington (Watergate) . . . that they have yet to define any real issues."

He blamed former Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel and the Republican state administration for inaction on the Native Land Claims Act in 1970. When Democrats regained control of Juneau in 1970, the Act was "on dead center," said Egan, and it was his administration that got it off dead center.

He credited his administration with progress in education, social services, consumer protection, natural resources planning, land use planning, public improvements, communications and fisheries rehabilitation and enhancement.

Preceding Egan on Saturday, Lt. Gov. H.A. (Red) Boucher cited the Native settlement act as far more important to Alaska's long-run economy than the pipeline. "These people (Natives) are going to play a vital part in the state's economy," he said.

He warned against allowing the pipeline to become a "fixation," but said it should be built with American pride and ingenuity, "... painted red, white and blue and shoved in the Arabs' ears."

GRAVEL

In a Sunday afternoon

speech, Sen. Mike Gravel blamed President Richard M. Nixon for the "eighty-three million acre land grab" in Alaska. The senator said Alaskans can be sure that the Department of the Interior had to go to the White House to get the "necessary okay" for its current land withdrawal proposal.

Gravel promised to hold hearings throughout the state to determine what the "Alaskan plan" is for the use of land in this state. On petroleum, he said there is enough oil in Pet 4, the Naval oil reserve in the Arctic, to supply the entire defense department with fuel for 40 years.

"So the Navy is ready for a 40-year war," he quipped.

Solving the short-run energy crisis is the key to containing inflation — the hallmark of this campaign, said Gravel. Utilizing Pet 4 oil can bring prices down, thus holding off a financial crisis until solar and other sources of energy can be developed, he said.

HAVELOCK

A candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, John Havelock of Anchorage charged that vital Alaskan interests were being "traded away in secret (gas) pipeline treaty talks with the Canadian government."

He characterized the negotiations as a power play by the Interior Department and its oil industry allies to build a gas line through Canada to benefit

American owners of Canadian gas.

Havelock is urging that a study be given to a gas pipeline route following the crude oils route to a point south of Fairbanks near Tok. He said it might be feasible from that point to have two pipelines.

One would go to Prince William Sound and another on a route parallel to the Alaska Highway to Edmonton.

An accompanying benefit of such a route would be the paving of the Alaska Highway, said Havelock. A Mackenzie River Route, he noted, would have to go through the National Wildlife Reserve in Alaska and would serve only Canadian interests.

Former State Rep. Dick Greuel of Fairbanks is vying with former State Rep. Gene Guess to snatch the Democratic Senate nomination away from Gravel. Espousing action at the grass roots level, Greuel attacked the "trickle down" theory which he charged is the political philosophy of Hickel.

Quoting Hickel as saying the United States must undergo a change in attitude and vision at the top, Greuel said there is no time for that, but "It is time for action at the precinct caucuses, the district conventions and the primary elections."

Greuel received a standing ovation.

Demo Convention Resolutions

As expected, a resolution condemning the administration of President Richard M. Nixon and urging careful consideration of the President's impeachment was passed over the weekend by the Central District Democratic Convention in Fairbanks.

The following resolutions of interest to Natives were also passed:

Support for the buying and selling of sea mammal products by Alaskan Natives, requiring legislated exemption from the provisions of the Federal Sea Mammal Act for Alaskan Natives taking the mammals.

Better medical and dental facilities and services for rural areas for the state.

Location of small high schools in the villages so that rural students can be as close as possible to their homes and families while attending school.

Prevention of overhunting,

overfishing and vandalism through state protection against encroachment (for those purposes) on Native lands.

Make jobs and concessions in national parks available to Alaskans first, with equivalent Alaska wages.

Extension of the 12-mile limit to 200 miles to protect fisheries and ocean floor resources.

Feasibility study of a highway link between Eagle and the Steese Highway.

Change the name of Harding Lake (near Fairbanks) back to its original name of Salchaket — the name of a revered Indian chief.

Regulation of off-the-road vehicles for protection of private property, public lands and game resources.

Provide pipelining taps to nearby communities.

Designate the yet officially unnamed Fairbanks-Anchorage Highway as the McKinley Highway to take advantage of tourism value in the world-wide fame of Mt. McKinley.

Support oiling of Liven-good Road, from Fairbanks to Taps Road.

Secure legislation supporting sale of beer and wine on the Fairbanks University of Alaska Campus;

A resolution to allow conscientious objectors who left Alaska during the Viet Nam War to return to Alaska failed.

Also failing was a resolution to provide full veterans benefits to Alaska conscientious objectors who have fulfilled two years of alternative service.

BBNC Shareholders . .

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koff, Ivanoff Bay; Steve Nowatak, Kokhanok;

Others were: George A. Nelson, Koliganek; Dianne Woods, Levelock; Paul Gloko, Manokotak; Danny O'Hara, Naknek; Evelyn Wassillie, Newhalen; Gregory Moxie, New Stuyahok; William Trefon, Nondalton; Ronald Aaberg, Pedro Bay; Boris Kosbruk, Perryville; Andrew Abyo, Pilot Point; Wassillie Petla, Portage Creek; John Christensen, Port Heiden; Donald Nielsen, South Naknek; Wilbur Bavilla, Togiak; George Pleasant, Sr., Twin Hills; Paul Matsuno, Ugashik.

Also elected board members at-large were: Marvin Yagie, Allen Aspelund, Hjalmar Olson, Robert Clark, Harold H. Samuelson (Harvey) and Dorothy Larson. A board member will need to be elected to Iliamna due to the fact that no eligible stockholder from Iliamna was present at the Saturday meeting to accept the nomination.

The BBNC is made up of 29 members who are perma-

nently enrolled residents in the 29 villages plus six at-large members elected who may be living in or out of the region but are enrolled to the region. All 35 members whether village residents or not were elected by and are responsible to the entire body of 5,500 enrolled Native stockholders of Bristol Bay.

Special guests introduced at Saturday's meeting were Roger Lang, president of the AFN, Inc., and his wife, Norma; and shareholder, Melba King and her husband Eugene of Seattle.

Lang told the shareholders that this election is a significant step. "You are going from an interim board limited by the Secretary of Interior's approval to a permanent board whose only limitations are your imagination."

Registration for the meeting began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Shareholders came from as far as Seattle, Glennallen, Bethel and Anchorage as well as villages throughout the Bristol Bay Region.