

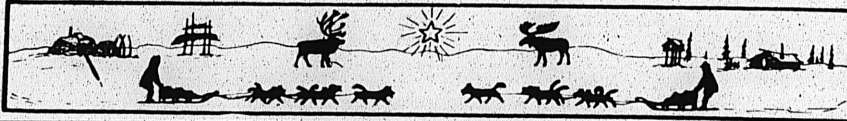
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Senators hear testimony on self-determination act

BIA charged with distrust and discrimination

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The fourth and final hearing of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate's Interior Affairs Committee was held in Fairbanks Saturday afternoon, Sept. 4, ostensibly to find a "workable legislative definition of Alaska Natives" and to review existing contracting problems under PL 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination Act.

Called for by the state's hearings had been held in Juneau congressional delegation, the on Thursday, and Anchorage on

Friday, chaired by subcommittee head, Sen. James Abourezk of South Dakota; and earlier Saturday morning in Bethel led by Sen. Mike Gravel.

Following a fuel shortage which forced the chartered plane from Bethel to stop in McGrath, a broken thermostat which treated the passengers to a "turkish bath," and a car accident between the airport and downtown Fairbanks, ex-officio subcommittee members, Alaskan senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel, with John Borbridge,

chairman of Sealaska Corporation in Juneau and a commissioner on the year-old American Indian Policy Review Commission, plus assorted staff members, arrived at the City Hall Annex nearly an hour late.

Senators Gravel and Stevens set the tone by announcing they had come to gather opinions on ways to make self-determination more effective—to eliminate the multiplication of tribal "entities" (also called governing bodies), to avoid Congress having to mandate who or

what the tribal government should be, and to determine future policy in granting of services to natives.

Problems in implementing federal legislation for Indian assistance programs in Alaska, it was felt, had become too numerous to ignore. Most obvious has been the confusion over definitions of such things as "tribe" and "reservation" in the Indian Financing Act of 1974, the proposed Indian Health Care Improvement Act,

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Members of the Senate Indian Affairs Subcommittee and the American Indian Policy Review Commission listen to testimony by representatives of the Tanana Chiefs Conference at the Fairbanks hearing. At left, left to right: Senator Ted Stevens, R-Alaska; Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska; Commissioner John Borbridge. At right, left to right: Chiefs President, Al Ketzler; Contract Manager, Tom Richards Jr.; and Village Liaison Officer, Steven Matthew.

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Shelter construction for Second Avenue congregation considered

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At the first, and unlikely, meeting between the Retail Trades Committee of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and representatives of CHAR, the Cabaret, Hotel and Restaurant Association, held August 24th, a new ripple formed in the continuing discussion of cleaning up Second Avenue in Fairbanks: Native input.

The group had agreed to con-

sider constructing a shelter along the river bank as a gathering place for drunks and others who perpetually congregate on First and Second Avenues. Wally Burnett, manager of the Polaris

Investment Company, said he thought he could raise money for a shelter from downtown businessmen.

The group then also agreed to invite a Native representative to

the meetings to give an opinion on the shelter idea.

Now, after its second weekly meeting, that group has a name, the Retail Trades Coalition Committee, and a Native member,

Chris Anderson of Tanana Chiefs Conference.

The idea of a shelter remains a prime one on the agenda although Burnett reports that

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Anderson runs write-in campaign for House

Rep. Nels A. Anderson, Jr., incumbent candidate for District 16 House Seat announced today that he will run a write-in campaign to retain his seat if the final certified vote shows that he

came in second in the August 24, 1976 Primary Election. Anderson stated that he is confident that he can win the general election because there will be more of a voter turnout November 2.

"Many of my supporters left for Anchorage and other places to vacation after a decent fishing season. I also am aware of the feeling that many voters were so confident that I would win that they felt their vote wouldn't make any difference. In many areas of my district are still fishing and did not vote. Because of these factors, I believe that my opponent will not go to Juneau in January," Anderson said.

"I would like to state that I will continue to serve as the District 16 representative until the next representative is sworn in at Juneau in January. I will not pull a McGill trick and say that people should see McGill because I lost. I am the representative on salary and I still

plan to function in that capacity until I am officially replaced according to law," Anderson stated.

"I plan to make my opponent sweat before the election on November 2 and prove that he is not the person to represent District 16. I will force him to speak out on his own and pin him down on what he plans to do for his district if he is elected. He has ducked the issues and he has had others put words into his mouth. My concern is whether or not he will have those people who have been writing and speaking for him in Juneau, if he wins.

Finally, I would like to see him prove that he has done all that he is taking credit for," Anderson concluded.

Interior Secretary Kleppe visits Alaska

Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe will be in Alaska September 7-12 according to Art Kennedy, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska.

Kleppe will arrive in Anchorage on the afternoon of Sept. 7. He will meet with local Department of Interior officials and plans to attend a reception with local business and community leaders that evening.

On Wednesday morning, September 8, he will meet with representatives of local interest groups and with AFN and Native leaders in Anchorage. He is then scheduled to address a joint luncheon of the Anchorage Rotary Clubs at 12 noon. The Rotary luncheon will be held in the Alaska Room of the Anchorage Westward Hotel. Secretary Kleppe will depart Anchorage that afternoon for

Fairbanks where an evening meeting is planned with Governor Hammond.

On Thursday morning, Sept. 9, Secretary Kleppe will meet with representatives of the Alaska Miners' Association and will address a joint luncheon of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and the Fairbanks Rotary Club at 12 noon. The luncheon is open to the public

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