

BARROW CITES LAND USES ON NORTH SLOPE

Eben Hopson, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, reviewed Wednesday evening before the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in Barrow, testimony

which will be formally introduced before the committee in hearings today in Fairbanks.

Hopson's statement, along with other statements made by Barrow Eskimos, was read during

a presentation for the congressmen Wednesday evening in Barrow.

The presentation, attended by some 500 of the Arctic Slope Eskimos, captured the attention

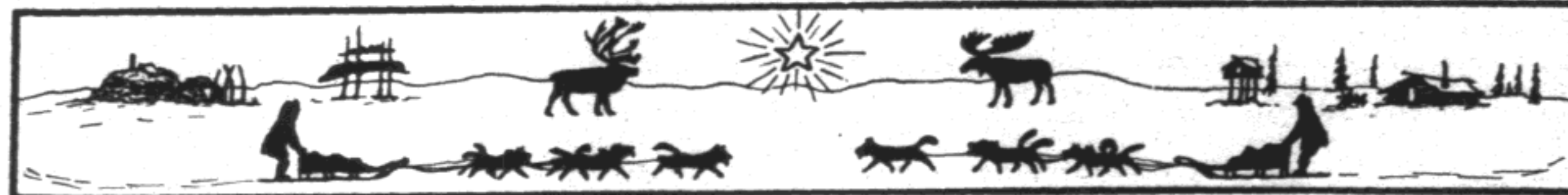
of the visiting dignitaries with Eskimo songs and dances as well as a display of native crafts and other Eskimo artwork.

Speaking before the congressmen, Hopson stated, "This is our

land. From the Brooks Range to the Arctic Ocean, and from Canada to the Native village of Point Hope. It has been just a few years when you white people

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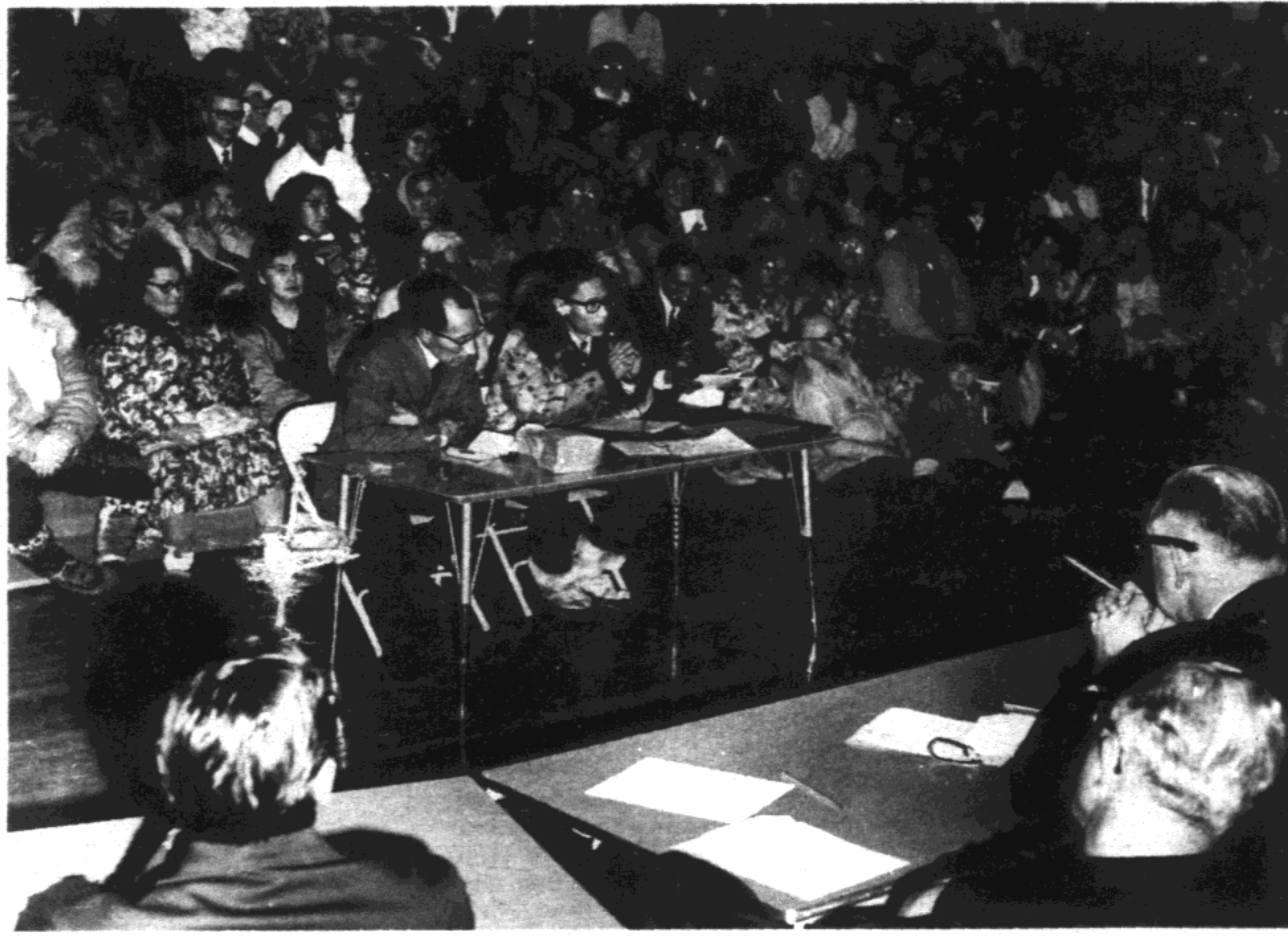
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BARROW ESKIMO AUDIENCE—Great interest among the Barrow Eskimos was generated when congressmen of the U.S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs held reviews of statements for the committee hearing on land claims this morning and throughout the day in Fair-

banks. At the table in the center is Joseph Upicksoun speaking on the microphone. At his right is Eben Hopson, executive director of ASNA. Three congressmen are listening in the foreground.

—DAVID S. FAUSKE Photograph

Abbreviated Meets with Natives Pinned on Poor Plans by House Group

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The House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, on a whirlwind, one-week tour through Alaska, has begun hearings in Fairbanks this morning before concluding its trip tomorrow in Anchorage.

The committee began its Alaska tour Sunday with brief stops at Annette Island and Sitka.

As it was through most of the field hearings, the committee was behind schedule as it arrived in Sitka Sunday afternoon.

The congressmen, many of them accompanied by their wives, rushed their lunch at Mt. Edgecumbe High School and allotted 15 minutes for a first hand look at Sitka's native village.

Following the hasty tour, the members of the House Interior Committee and House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs listened to presentations at the Alaska Native Brotherhood hall in the Southeast Alaska town.

Frank Kitka, 80 year old Tlingit Indian from Sitka, explained to the congressmen how his people used and occupied the forests, fishing on the rivers and the sea.

Ester Littlefield, a direct descendant of Chief Katlian who figured prominently in early Sitka history at the time the Russians arrived in Alaska, also addressed the committee.

"The money made from the

land should be used to benefit our people," Mrs. Littlefield stated.

"We should be getting benefits from the sea, from the rivers, and from the forests. It all belonged to us. Now we can't touch it. "It is making criminals of us," she added.

Much to the disappointment of many of the older natives, and to others who had taken time to prepare presentations, the committee members indicated that they could not allow themselves time to listen to anyone else.

These brief stops were to become typical of the committee's tour. Several stops on the tour were eliminated completely.

It was felt by many natives that little justice could be expected from the congressmen if the limitations which they forced upon themselves were any indication of the respect they held for the native position.

One Sitka Indian was moved to comment: "They didn't allow enough time to have our people

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RurALCAP Studies 1970 Programs

The Board of Directors of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurALCAP) met in Anchorage on October 15 and 16.

Board members came from

Salmon Harvest

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller said this week he will name a research committee to help the State plan for the orderly harvest of next year's expected high Bristol Bay salmon run.

Forecasts are that the largest salmon catch in the history of the Bristol Bay fishery is in prospect for 1970. The inshore run forecast in Bristol Bay sees about 64 million sockeye salmon returning, of which over 40 million should be harvested by fishermen.

"We are taking steps now to make sure we properly utilize this valuable resource," Governor Miller said.

He added that, although there are already more than enough fishermen living and working in Alaska to harvest the expected bonanza, the processing facilities may well have some problems in handling the catch.

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all over the State and represented every area served by RurALCAP.

The Board studied the 1970 program applications for the entire RurALCAP organization prepared by the administrative staff headed by Byron Mallot, Executive Director.

The refunding package which totals more than \$2 million is to be submitted to the Office of Economic Opportunity after final Board approval.

Mrs. Clifford (Marlene) Johnson of Hoonah who has served for two years as Board President presided at the meeting.

George Irwin, OEO Representative from the San Francisco Regional Office, was also in attendance.

Various committee meetings took place on both days of the session in Anchorage. The Program Policy Committee, Human Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Community Development Committee, and Personnel Committee all discussed problems and programs for the coming year. Regional representatives from all areas of Alaska were in attendance.

A public hearing was held on October 15. Priorities and pro-

grams were discussed at that time.

During the session in Anchorage the RurALCAP Board seated new members and elected officers who will serve during the next year.

Juneau Tlingit Young Men in Initial Political Breakthrough

On October 7, Robert Loescher and Carl Nelson became the first Tlingit Indians to successfully seek office in the Juneau city government. Loescher, 22, and Nelson, 32, campaigned for the city council seats on a slate with James Austin, Jr., also a Tlingit.

The native trio ran on the theme "We must work together in these important times." The Austin-Nelson-Loescher effort was indeed a grass-roots campaign.

Operating on a combined budget of \$600, the men gained support from not only the Juneau native community, but from many other interested Juneau citizens who rang doorbells, let-

tered posters, and distributed flyers and position papers.

The Juneau native population numbers 1800 persons, representing 25 per cent of the city's population. Never before had an Indian won representation in the Juneau city government.

Winning the seats, Loescher and Nelson edged out incumbent councilman Felix Toner, chairman of the Southeast District Democratic Party.

Loescher received 816 votes, with Nelson having 796 of the total figure of 1400 votes. Austin president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp number two, won 693 votes, coming within 100 votes of the top vote-getters.

Robert Loescher, 22, was born

in Juneau, graduated from Juneau High School and Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The youngest councilman ever to serve on the city council, Loescher is chairman of the Juneau Model Cities Citizens Participation Committee executive committee.

Loescher is a member of the Juneau ANB Camp Number Two and the Tlingit and Haida Council. He is employed as field representative and government liaison for the Southeast Alaska Legal Services Corp.

Carl Nelson, 32, is corresponding Secretary for the Juneau ANB Camp and Treasurer of the Juneau Tlingit and Haida Council.

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