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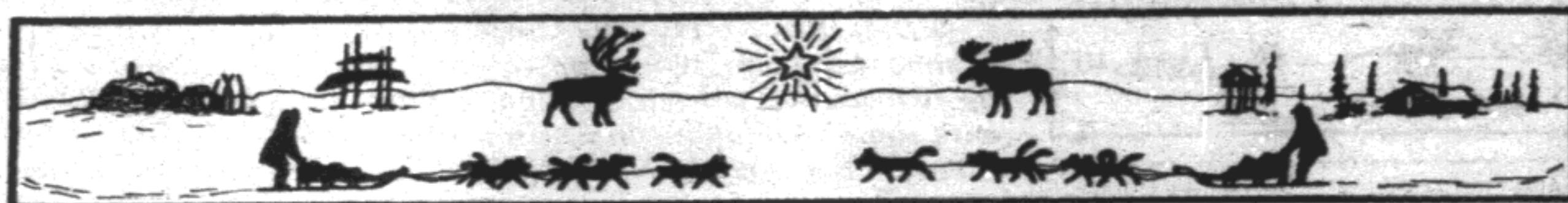
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Ut kah neek Informing and Reporting
HAIDA
Yaunk yawn sue
Speak the absolute truth

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Stockholders Of Paper to Meet Feb. 13

The Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., Inc., the company that publishes the Tundra Times, has set its annual stockholders meeting on February 13 at the Husky Room of the Fairbanks Inn, 1521 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The financial report for the year will be presented by Prof. Jimmy Bedford, comptroller of the company. The election of officers will be conducted by the current president of the board, Howard Rock.

Invitations to the stockholders throughout the state are being sent this week. The invitational letter contains a blank for those stockholders, who may not be able to attend the annual meeting, to request a proxy among the current slate of officers.

The officers and the board of directors are as follows:

President, Howard Rock; vice president, Thomas Richards, Sr.; Jimmy Bedford, comptroller; Dorothy Perdue, secretary.

Board members: Mary Jane Fate, Frieda Mackowiak, Barry Jackson, Ronald Senungetuk, Peter Three Stars, Bettie Harrop, Sam Kito, Judy Brady, Laura Bergt, and Betty Wescott.

There are two vacancies on the board due to recent departures elsewhere of two board members.

The stockholders are asked to reply to the invitational letter as quickly as they can.

Merdes Denies Seeking U.S. Senate Seat

JUNEAU—January 13, 1970: State Senator Ed Merdes said today that he was "shocked" to learn from the "rumor" carried in the Anchorage newspapers that he was going to announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

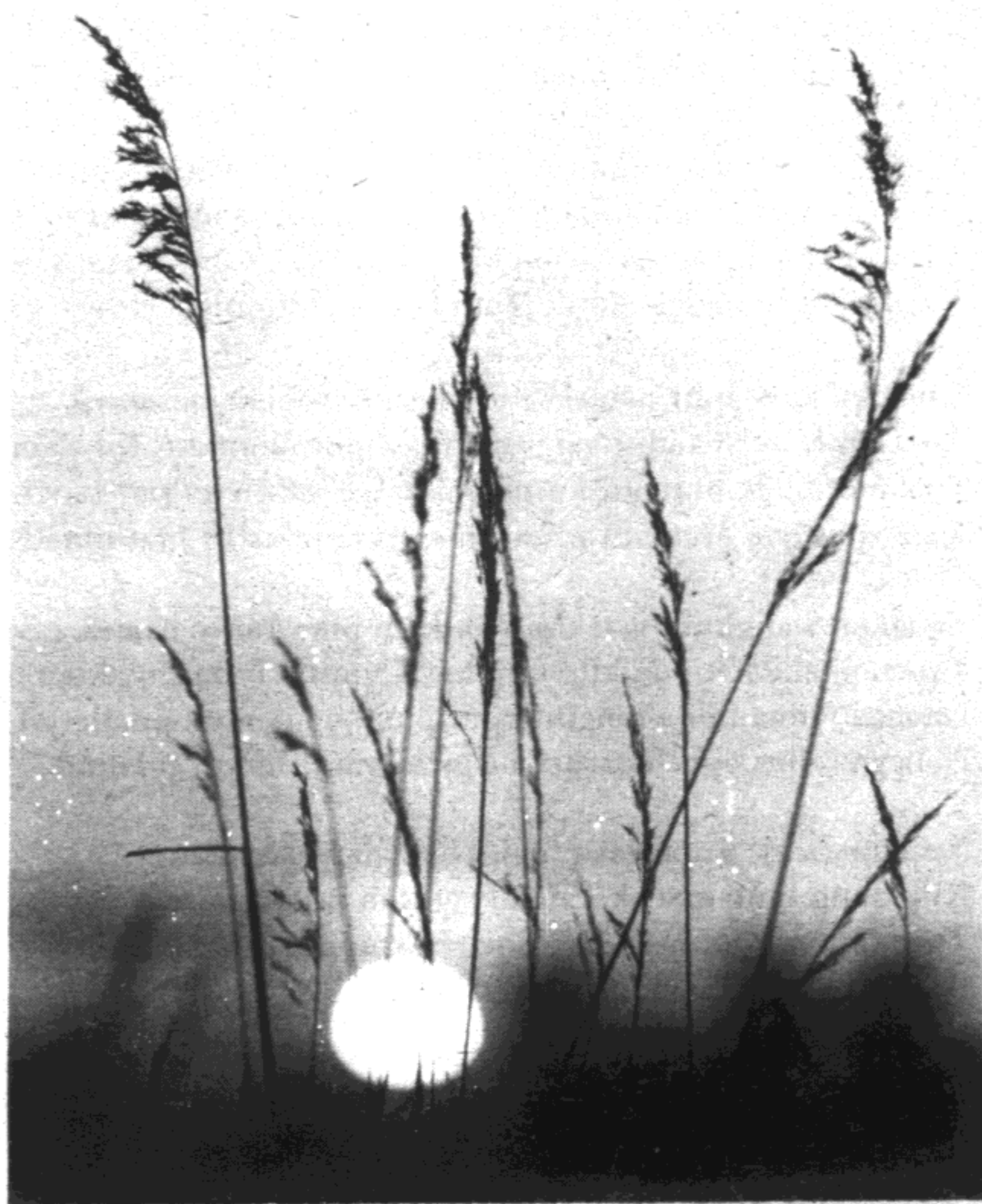
He stated, "I have no intention to seek to fill the remaining two years of Senator Bob Bartlett's term."

Senator Merdes indicated that he had been approached by people who wished to sponsor draft movements in Anchorage, Kenai, Juneau and Fairbanks, but that he has no real information as to what these people are doing and has not committed himself.

When questioned regarding a draft for the U.S. Senate, Merdes said, "There are many factors to be taken into account before making such a commitment, the first and foremost being whether or not there is real grass-roots support among all the people of the state."

"Without this you've lost be-

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POETRY ON GRASS—Common grass on the land scape of Wales, Alaska becomes a poetic subject for the Eskimo photographer, Robert Koweluk of Nome. Koweluk says that he took the picture directly against the sun using a telephoto lens zeroing in on the grass stalks from a distance. Robert Koweluk took photography courses from Prof. Jimmy Bedford, head of the University of Alaska's Department of Journalism.

—ROBERT KOWELUK Photographer

Bedford to Race for Tundra Times

Dogmushing race drivers usually come lean, muscular and not too big but Tundra Times race entry next Sunday in the three-dog mushing race for the news media will not come under that category.

Inverted walrus-mustachioed Prof. Jimmy Bedford, comptroller for the Tundra Times, will be the driver—all 250 pounds of him "soppin' wet."

"I weigh 250 pounds soppin' wet," said Bedford today. "With

my parka on and stuff, I'll probably weigh around 270 pounds."

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Governor Remains Firm on His Land Claims Stand in Message

Governor Keith Miller's legislative program drew both favorable and unfavorable comments

from Native leaders Thursday. President of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Emil Notti,

felt that the governor said nothing new about the land claims issue, but that his program did include some good points.

A similar opinion was expressed by Willie Hensley, executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and state representative from Kotzebue.

The governor's package was delivered to the state legislature on Wednesday.

"I think he is taking the first step in correcting some of the conditions in rural areas with his school proposals," Notti said. However, he added, referring to the governor's budget message delivered Wednesday, he has not given a big enough "slice of the action" to this problem area.

No student from Alaska should have to leave the state to complete his high school education, Notti continued.

According to Hensley, the good points of the governor's message were the elimination of

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2 Banquet Tickets to Be Awarded To Theme Contest Winner

The board of directors of the Tundra Times at last Friday's monthly meeting decided that the theme of the newspaper's next banquet on October 3, 1970 will be based on communications.

The board members were unable to come up with a catchy theme or slogan connected with "communications" so they decided that Tundra Times should conduct a theme contest among its readers and friends.

The award for the winning theme will be two free tickets to the Tundra Times 8th anniversary

banquet of 1970. Theme contest entries must be sent to Tundra Times, Box 1287, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Each person may submit more than one entry if he wishes. The theme contest will end March 1. The winning entry will be publicized along with the name of the successful winner.

Last October's Tundra Times banquet theme in Anchorage was: "Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

Next October's banquet will be held in Fairbanks. The loca-

tion of the annual dinner has not yet been decided upon. The event will again be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

It has become traditional to invite Alaska's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., along with the Governor of Alaska. As usual, a widely known person will be sought to be the keynoter. He will be asked to speak on the theme of the banquet—communications.

As they develop, the plans of the banquet will be publicized.