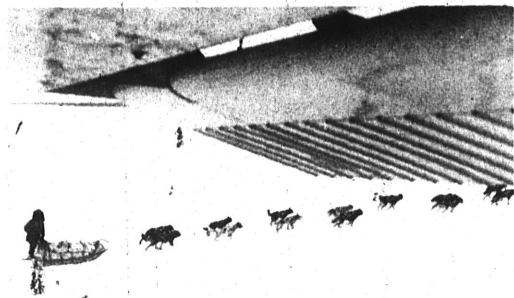


Attla Leads Iditarod Pack



ATTILA IN IDITAROD LEAD — George Attla still in lead entering the fifth day of the Iditarod.

The roughest, toughest, longest race in the history of Alaska dog mushing was proving tough on both men and dogs. Going into the fifth day, seven-time champion George Attla was still in the lead with Bobby Vent of Huslia and Johnny Coffin of Noorvik trying to close the gap and 30 other teams spread out along the trail.

Close to forty dogs have been dropped along the route, suffering from cut feet, sore muscles, and sore tendons. A U.S. Air Force veterinarian is flying along the route to treat the dogs as they're dropped off at checkpoints.

As for the racers, they may be developing a few sore muscles and tendons of their own.

Undersea Mountains

Twenty-four previously unknown seamounts — and several seamount chains have been discovered in the northeast Pacific in water two to three miles deep, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced.

The Commerce Department agency said the seamounts rise from 3,000 to 5,950 feet above the sea floor. At least four of them tower about a mile high.

The seamounts are in an area off the Oregon-Washington coast. Marine geophysicists believe there are possibly thousands of still-undiscovered features of this kind in the Pacific along.

They are west of Cobb Sea-

mount, an extinct volcano which rises from 9,000 feet to within 110 feet of the surface, lying about 270 miles off the Washington coast, approximately 340 miles southwest of Seattle.

No new major undersea features were found between Cobb Seamount and the coast.

The two seamount chains border the Sedna Fracture Zone, a deep chasm in the ocean bottom. They consist of a high ridge directly north of the zone and a second lower ridge further to the north.

It was estimated that the new discoveries lie about 450 to 500 miles north of the Mendocino Fracture Zone, a major undersea feature in the northeast Pacific.

It has been estimated that there are some 10,000 seamounts in the Pacific. Much of the area is still largely unexplored in detail, say most of the authorities, and existing maps show these features are drawn from unreliable information.

Analysis of the data was supported by the National Science Foundation as part of the seabed assessment program of the International Decade of Ocean Exploration.

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anyone. Our school now is literally trash. Students are scattered and crowded in shacks here trying to get an education. We have been suffering these facts for years now, and it's about time someone honors our needs. We wouldn't think of putting a school between the bar and liquor store or on top of the dike, or even in the village for that matter. We have several acres set aside up at the new town site, "Alexander's Lake", for our school. This is out of flood range and a darn good place for kids!!!

The children work just as hard here as any other village, and I can't think of one high school girl who runs around with a G.I. We provide other activities for our children but we need facilities!!!

Galena has access to planes everyday and a good airport, which is another good reason to put Galena on top of the priority list for a new school. We have a PHS Registered Nurse and a good clinic here, which is an advantage and a necessity for any school. These are just two of many good reasons to put a school in Galena.

Galena is always cut off of programs, such as the Bi-Lingual Aides, Teacher Aides, and Headstart, because our income is too high. Why don't they spend some of the high taxes we pay in our own community??? That's what we are all working and paying taxes for — to better ourselves, our families, our community, state, and nation. Our community, Galena, doesn't seem to be getting any of the benefits.

We're all trying hard to clean our reputation and provide activities for our children to keep them from drinking, etc., but above all, we need a new school and gymnasium!!! "God helps those who help themselves," and believe me we are working to help ourselves and Galena!!!!!!

Respectfully yours,

Agnes M. Huntington

P.S. The TCC couldn't have made a better move than to recommend a school be put in Galena!!!!

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