

Bradner Seeks to Invite Japan to AEC-State Hearings

State Representative Mike Bradner, of Fairbanks, has asked that Japan, Hawaii, British Columbia, and Washington be invited to send representatives to attend the Atomic Energy Com-

mission hearings before the Alaska Legislative Council on September 26th.

The Fairbanks legislator said he has asked Council Chairman Rep. Gene Guess, of Anchorage,

to extend invitations to states and nations of the Pacific Rim that might be endangered by a tidal wave triggered by nuclear tests at Amchitka Island.

Bradner said that Hawaii, and

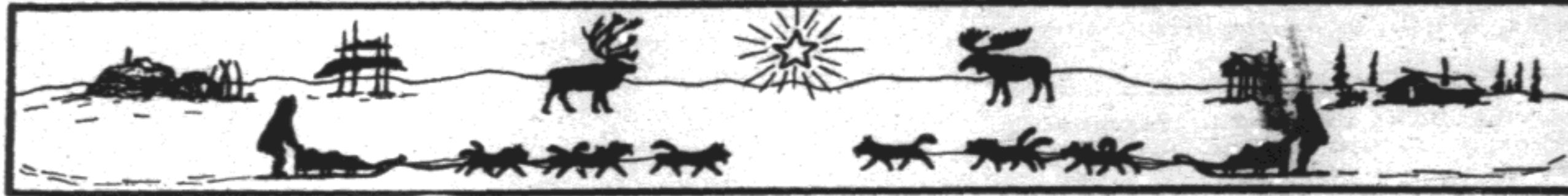
Washington, like Alaska, were excluded from AEC briefings for eight western states on nuclear test safety held last April.

He continued: "Our neighbors in British Columbia and Japan

are also vitally concerned over the possible triggering of earthquakes in the Aleutian area that might cause tidal waves.

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VINCENT PRICE WILL KEYNOTE



NEWLY APPOINTED Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Louis R. Bruce, Jr., a Sioux-Mohawk Indian, at his recent meetings with President Nixon at the San Clemente summer White House, discusses plans for revitalizing federal Indian programs.

New BIA Commissioner Outlines Bureau Plans

Some of the direction envisioned for the Bureau of Indian Affairs by newly-appointed Commissioner Louis R. Bruce, Jr., was revealed Saturday in a speech given at Shiprock, New Mexico. At 63, Sioux-Mohawk Bruce was named successor to former Commissioner Robert L. Bennett last month.

"Be assured that during my tenure as Commissioner of Indian Affairs this kind of all-points effort (he spoke of the Navajo-run industry at Shiprock) will become a feature of the BIA's efforts to assist Indians to develop themselves and their resources to the maximum degree," said Bruce.

He described the best course in preserving the cultural heritage of the Indian as "to bolster ancient custom and tradition and belief with a know-how related to the broader community."

"It is not enough to be farmers and ranchers. It is also necessary to be storekeepers and manufacturers and miners and producers of new kinds of goods

from traditional resources," Bruce said.

"To open up the options—this is my objective as Commissioner," he stated.

"You have all heard about Indian people moving into the 'mainstream' of American life.

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Questionnaires Troublesome For Native Welfare Recipients

Ever since the State Department of Welfare terminated the welfare fee agents in villages throughout the state, some of the welfare recipients or those who become eligible for it are having difficulties in filling out the questionnaires.

The welfare recipients are mostly old people many of whom can not read or write. One of these people is Edwin Simon of Huslia, Alaska.

"I had to fill these papers in about four years ago," Edwin Simon writes. "Now they send me

Dirksen, Great Republican Passes at 73

Everett Dirksen, 73, one of the great Republicans of his time, died last Sunday at the Walter Reed Army Hospital from heart failure and respiratory arrest. Sen. Dirksen had earlier undergone an operation on his lung which proved that it was malignant.

Sen. Dirksen was a great orator equipped with a resonant base voice which he used with skill.

Dirksen achieved his greatest influence during two Democratic administrations. His skill as a politician, oratory and his sense for the dramatic served him well and enhanced his influence.

President Nixon called him a giant in history of Congress, a warm personal friend and a great American.

"To politics and government," the President declared, "he brought a dedication matched by a few and a style and eloquence matched by no political leader in our time. He had his greatest moments as the leader of the loyal opposition."

"He was an old pro," said Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield.

Wednesday at the memorial services held at the Capitol Rotunda attended by President Nixon and the great of the nation, Rev. Edward L.R. Elson, pastor

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Famous Actor Confirms Speaking Commitment At Tundra Times Feast

Vincent Price, famed movie actor and art critic, has confirmed his commitment to be the main speaker at the Tundra Times 7th anniversary banquet at the Anchorage-Westward Hotel Ballroom in Anchorage, Alaska on October 4.

"Delighted to say that everything is working out for me to be with you at the banquet on October 4th. Hoping my wife will be with me," stated Price in a wire to the editor of the Tundra Times Howard Rock this

week.

He said his plans for arrival were indefinite but that he would let the newspaper know as soon as possible when they are firmed up.

Known throughout the world as a fine actor, Vincent Price at the present time is also the chairman of the Department of the Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board. The board promotes and channels the arts and crafts development of the original natives of the United States.

Price accepted the newspaper's invitation to be the keynote speaker at the banquet on a tentative basis months ago basing it on the staggered schedules of his movie making.

OTHER DIGNITARIES

There will be many other dignitaries at the Anchorage banquet. Gov. Keith H. Miller has accepted the invitation as did the congressional delegation, Sen. Ted Stevens, Sen. Mike Gravel and Congressman Howard Pollock.

Former Governor of Alaska

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State Lease Sale \$900 Million While Few Natives Protested

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The contrast was remarkable.

Inside the Sidney Lawrence Auditorium, the Governor of the State of Alaska said, "Let us manage our birthright."

Meanwhile, as the Twenty-third Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale began Wednesday, a handful of young natives picketed and distributed leaflets under the watchful eyes of police.

Organized by native land rights advocate Charlie Edwardsen, the young Eskimo and Indian protestors quietly proclaimed: "We are once again being cheated and robbed of our lands."

Inside the auditorium, oil-born Commissioner of Natural Resources Tom Kelly said, "Those of us who live in Alaska... have a feeling for our lands."

As he is called in some circles, "Bard of the North" Larry Beck recited a tribute to the oil indus-

try dressed in freshly-laundered parky.

Governor Miller stated of the lease sale, "Alaska will never be the same."

Outside, the young natives displayed slogans reading "\$2 Billion Native Land Robbery" or "Eskimos Own North Slope" and "Bad Deal at Tom Kelly's Trading Post."

At 10:30 a.m. the reading of the bids started. Frenzied with the oil happening, the audience cheered wildly as British Petroleum took an easy lead with bids of 15 and 20 and 30 millions of dollars.

The Gulf-BP-BP of Alaska group captured the first six tracts near the mouth of the Colville River with bonus bids totalling \$79 million. After hearing several of the huge figures, the observers

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