

Sitkans See First Modern Jet Land At Former Historic Capitol City

"We used to have two horses in Sitka, but one died last year," a young airline freight man reported sadly last week. But though Sitka may be a one horse town, it definitely joined the jet age June 1 when Alaska Airlines Gold Nugget Jet roared down on the town's new airstrip.

A large crowd of permanent residents gathered to greet the plane's most notable passenger, Burl Ives, who was on his way to Seattle. As Ives came down the red carpet to sign autographs for a few minutes, a little boy said with awe to a reporter, "I never thought I'd get to see the real him!"

With Alaska Airlines new schedule, it is now possible to stop at Sitka for no extra cost on flights to or from Seattle and Fairbanks, Anchorage or Juneau.

The airline is offering a 24-hour stopover package for \$24 that includes a four-hour tour and hotel accomod-



HELLO SITKA!—Burl Ives chats with crowds who turned out to watch the first passenger jet landing at Sitka. Ives, who had spent opening week of A 67 at Fairbanks, was on his way to Seattle.

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Among Sitka's attractions next week are an All Alaska Native Dance Contest, June 12 through 17 that features Eskimos, Tlingets, Haidas, Athabascans, Aleuts and Tsimpsons dancing in competition. The Sitka Sportsmen Association Salmon Derby will take place June 17 through 25.

More permanent attractions

include the Sheldon Jackson Museum collection of native arts and artifacts, recently re-organized by Dr. Erna Gunther, anthropologist at the University of Alaska. The collection is one of the largest in the world.

Sitka also has a modern new community building where special centennial exhibits and events will take place throughout the summer.