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Amendment Would Prohibit Gun Control

The Consumer Product Safety Commission could not take any action restricting the sale or manufacture of firearms or ammunition, under an amendment introduced by U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens and accepted Wednesday by the Senate Commerce Committee.

The amendment is included in a bill continuing the authorization for the Consumer Product Safety Commission for two more years and making improvements on the Consumer Product Safety Act which created the Commission.

The bill still requires the vote of the Senate and House.

Stevens' amendment clarifies congressional intent with regard to the Federal Hazardous Substance Act, which the Commission administers.

This amendment was a response to an attempt by a gun-control advocacy group which earlier this year brought a suit against the Commission to get it to ban the interstate sale of handgun ammunition.

Stevens intervened in the suit arguing that the legislative history of the Commission's

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Sen. Gravel Orders 100 Copies of Kaliikag Yugnek

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, has ordered one hundred copies of "Kaliikag Yugnek," a student publication of Bethel Regional High School, for distribution to members of the Senate.

The Alaska lawmaker said he is purchasing the books to give to his colleagues to better inform them about the "great heritage of the Yupik Eskimos."

Gravel commended the students "on this excellent work of art," in a letter to Kirk Meade at the school, who sent him a copy of the book.

The book contains stories and pictures about the traditions and lifestyles of the Southwestern Alaska Eskimos.

Gravel said "Kaliikag Yugnek is a beautiful portrayal of the attitudes, feelings and way of life of the people of Southwestern Alaska."

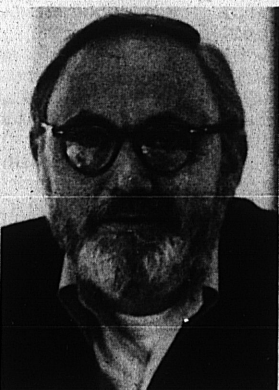


ATHABASCAN HEADS NATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP — Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, (left), an Athabaskan from Fairbanks, accepts the gavel as newly-elected president of the North American Indian Women's Association from outgoing president, Mrs. Agnes Dill of Isleta, New Mexico. Mrs. Fate was elected to head the nationwide organization at its fifth annual conference Saturday, held on the campus of Northern Michigan University at Marquette. — (NMI photo)

To Work Rural Programs— Hiatt Picks Darnell

FAIRBANKS — Moving to implement a major reorganization of the University of Alaska, Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, president of the state institution, today announced the appointment of an acting vice president for rural educational affairs and a chancellor for Southeastern Alaska.

Dr. Frank Darnell, director of the university's Center for Northern educational Research, will assume the vice presidential position and Dr. Charles



DR. FRANK DARNELL

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Local Lady Elected to Head Nationwide Indian Womens' Organization

FAIRBANKS — A well-known Fairbanks woman of Athabaskan descent, Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, was elected recently as president of the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) at its fifth annual conference held on the campus of Northern Michigan University, June 11-15.

Mary Jane Fate of P.O. Box 1111, Fairbanks succeeds Mrs. Agnes Dill, a Pueblo Indian from Isleta, New Mexico.

NAIWA is a non-profit educational association organized for the purpose of promoting improvement in five basic areas of Indian life.

They are: betterment of home, family life and community; betterment of health and education; inter-tribal communications; awareness of Indian culture, and fellowship among all people.

"It is really an honor to have been elected mostly because of women involved from ages 18-19 to almost 80 years old from reservation areas," Mary Jane quietly evaluated her new job. "It's a challenge and it's not going to be an easy job."

The organization is federally recognized and the new president said it could have something like 3,000 members.

"We have a wonderful board, executive committee which makes it for a wonderful working group," Mary Jane said. "The board members are from Northwest, North Central, North East, South East, South Central and Southwest, covering all areas of the United States."

Some people think that NAIWA is affiliated with Canadian womens' groups but it is not, Mary Jane pointed out. She said women from other countries do attend NAIWA meetings.

The next conference of the organization will be held next year at Cherokee, No. C. on the

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Glenna Is Paralegal Assistant to ALSC on Claims



GLENNA STERLEY, of the Kotzebue area, recently hired as a Native Allotment Para-legal assistant by the Alaska Legal Services Corporation in Fairbanks. — (Photo by MARC OLSON)

By MARC OLSON

To see that all who are eligible for land get it is the goal of Alaska Legal Services Corporation, according to Edward T. Noonan, Supervising attorney in

Fairbanks.

To assist in working on its some 350 Native Land Allotment cases, ALSC has hired Glenna Sterley of the Kotzebue area as a para-legal assistant in Native Land

Allotments, a position funded by the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Her job is to organize cases, obtain statements, and help ALSC attorneys prepare appeals.

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TCC Land Claims College Candidate for Accreditation

The Tanana Chiefs Conference President Melvin Charlie, has announced that the North West Region Accreditation Commission voted recently to accept the Tanana Chiefs Land Claims College as a candidate for accreditation.

In its semi-annual meeting held in Twin Falls, Idaho, this group,

consisting of member schools in the seven (7) Northwestern States, accepted the program of the College as worthy of accreditation and support from all member institutions.

Because of this status as a member, a letter is being sent to all institutions of higher learning in the Tanana Chiefs Conference

region, telling them that the programs of the Tanana Chiefs Land Claims College have been reviewed; that an on-site evaluation of the College has been made by the accrediting group; and that the Land Claims College was found to be satisfactory.

Therefore, it is recommended that all member institutions

accept credits of students earned in the Land Claims College.

Dr. James Bemis, Executive Director of the Northwest Commission, stated that it is rare for a college to gain acceptance during its first year of operation.

He stated that it is even more unusual for a school utilizing non-traditional methods of

instruction such as have to be used the Land Claims College.

Dr. Bemis went on to congratulate Dr. Eugene Evans, Director of the Land Claims College, and Mr. Melvin Charlie, President of Tanana Chiefs Conference, for the fine work they have done with the College.