

Clearing the desk

The Alaska Council on Science and Technology is disturbed that the National Science Foundation and other federal agencies continue to focus so much attention on Antarctica, while virtually ignoring the ar-

ctic. Antarctica, they say, has yet to hold any promise for the national in energy, fisheries or other resources, whereas Alaska and arctic waters offer such great potential in all these fields. The Council urges vigorous pursuit of appropriate arctic science policies. One of the first things they urge is that the State of Alaska develop an ice-strengthened arctic research vessel.

Nome plans new city port

The City of Nome is planning to build a new port facility expected to cost more than \$20 million. The City has applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to construct the project in the waters of Norton Sound.

The new facility would give ocean-going ships better access to the northwestern Alaska city.

The three-year construction project would involve the placement of some 879,000 cubic yards of rock fill. Because the Corps of Engineers regulates construction activities in waters of the United States, the City must obtain a Corps permit before construction can begin.

Anyone wishing to offer comments or objections to granting of the permit should write to the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regulatory Functions Branch, P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage, Alaska 99510. Comments should be mailed in time to reach the District office by November 24.



I see by the Wrangell Sentinel that a hand-carved replica of the Chief Shakes community house bear has been installed in the new intermediate school in Wrangell. The artists were Bugs Nelson and his wife, Louanna. It is a 6' x 8' red cedar carving.