



CHRISTMAS CHOPPER — A CH-47 Chinook helicopter of the Ft. Wainwright based 242nd Aviation Company unloads a shipment of Christmas goodies at the Yukon River community of Nulato, 300 miles west of Fairbanks. More than 200 children's presents, boxes of fruit, clothing and other staples were collected by the Ft. Wainwright Madonna Society for the Nulato Natives. The Christmas shipment is an annual event for the Catholic ladies' society. Social, religious and military organizations at Ft. Wainwright annually send Christmas cheer to remote Alaskan villages. (U.S. Army Photo)

Christmas at Nulato— Army Copter Brings Loads of Gifts

FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK — When you load an Army helicopter with 200 children's gifts, chip in two chaplains to escort the party and head 300 miles west into the Yukon River basin, you have the ingredients for a whale of a yarn.

It happened Tuesday when the Madonna Society of Ft. Wainwright embarked on their annual Christmas visit to the tiny village of Nulato. And, as if primed by a time clock, the town's bumper crop of youngsters were on hand to greet the emissaries from Santa Claus.

The 20-member society of Catholic ladies has adopted the village and each year sends a gift by name to each school-age child, enough extras are added so the pre-schoolers also all get a present from the Wainwright organization.

This year was no exception and carton upon carton of gaily wrapped toys slid off the ramp of the 222nd Aviation Battalion Chinook. Quickly loaded onto snowmobile sleds they were zipped off to the rectory of Rev. John Donahue, a Jesuit missionary who distributes the presents.

The village natives are a self-sufficient community existing off the land by hunting, fishing and gathering fuel in the forests. There are few frills but the children are happy, healthy and bubble with gratitude.

The youngsters know Ft. Wainwright bordered Santa's home in North Pole and they were ready with two large envelopes crammed with notes for the jolly bearer of Christmas joy.

Back aboard the Chinook heading for home it was obvious the short hour and a half on the ground was worth the month-long preparation.

Claims History...

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thing to chance," he told the Tundra Times shortly after arriving in Washington.

During our first meeting in his new office, this reporter asked Nick Begich about his sincerity in supporting settlement goals sought by Alaska Natives.

He immediately produced a book of census figures on Alaska and a town-by-town listing of election results for his congressional race.

He quickly demonstrated that his election was decided by the Alaskan Native vote.

"I know who elected me and I am not going to let them down," he stated.

Begich's strategy for getting favorable legislation out of the House had two basic ingredients. First, he worked exhaustively within committees and subsequently within the full House to obtain the respect and support of his colleagues.

Secondly, he was aware that important points sought by Native interests would become sensitive issues within the committee. Begich worked intensively and often privately, sometimes twenty hours daily, to further these points.

But, publicly, he allowed others to make important points and argue sensitive issues. Inevitably, an impasse would develop. Begich was free to resolve these deadlocks and prevent the legislation from becoming killed.

His strategy paid off. The bill was reported out of com-

mittee and Begich became the first freshman ever to be appointed by the veteran chairman Aspinall to a free conference committee.

By my count, the land settlement died in the House three times during 1971 and Begich revived it. I doubt that anyone else would have been able to do the same.

Congressman Nick Begich quickly earned my respect by virtue of his dedication, his overwhelming responsiveness, and genuine concern for his constituents. These qualities especially distinguished him among public servants. Additionally, I greatly admire the respect he has held for the responsibilities of the press to the public.

There are times when every public servant I have known has been too busy to talk to this reporter. This was never the case with Nick Begich. He always took the time to discuss an issue or a question, even if it meant that, during the course of an interview, we would rush through hall ways and in and out of elevators in order for him to answer a roll call.

He once surprised me at the conclusion of one telephone interview by informing me that he ate his dinner during our conversation. Many generations of Alaskans will benefit from a job well done by Congressman Begich.

NEXT WEEK: Another Alaskan's contribution.

Winter Sports

Charlie Moses

AND HIS SPORTS

Especially the basketball antics of Fairbanks Native Association's team.

Galena Nighthawks Challenge FNA— Undeclared FNA Cage Feeders Invited to Galena Village

GALENA NIGHTHAWKS STATISTICS							
Players	Total Fouls	Field Goals	Free Throws	Total Points	Games	Aver.	
Russ Sweetsir	66	224	79	527	18	29.2	
Dennis Sweetsir	25	112	16	240	14	17.1	
Joe Cleaver	37	135	20	290	18	16.1	
Bryan Epley	18	73	11	157	13	12.0	
Carl Huntington	21	48	11	107	14	7.6	
Anthony Malemute	29	48	10	106	17	6.2	
Gary Benson	11	21	5	39	10	3.9	
Andrew Esmaila	0	0	3	3	1	3.0	
Pat Sweetsir	18	16	3	35	13	2.6	
Malemute	0	1	0	2	1	2.0	
Jim Vandervorde	3	1	0	2	1	2.0	
Kenny Sam	8	2	1	5	4	1.2	
Louis Demoski	9	4	1	9	8	1.1	
Dexter Williams	1	1	0	2	2	1.0	
Stanley Huntington	7	2	0	4	6	0.6	
Carlson Malemute	3	0	1	1	2	0.5	
Team Total	256	688	161	1537	18	85.3	
Opponents Total	238	477	134	1088	18	60.4	

Galena Nighthawks vs FAA	Score	64-48	Oct. 11, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Supply	Score	57-46	Oct. 13, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Pol	Score	72-51	Oct. 20, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Tanana	Score	103-71	Oct. 21, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Tanana	Score	52-66	Oct. 22, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs CE	Score	69-61	Oct. 27, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Campion	Score	75-96	Oct. 28, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Comm	Score	64-29	Nov. 1, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs AFS All-Stars	Score	58-67	Nov. 4, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs SEC Police	Score	70-40	Nov. 6, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs FAA	Score	79-56	Nov. 8, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Supply	Score	96-72	Nov. 10, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Tanana	Score	125-74	Nov. 17, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Tanana	Score	120-65	Nov. 18, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs CE	Score	88-85	Nov. 22, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Pol	Score	101-46	Nov. 25, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs Comm	Score	92-45	Nov. 27, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs SEC Police	Score	125-69	Nov. 29, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs AFS All-Stars	Score	71-61	Dec. 1, 1972
Galena Nighthawks vs AFS All-Stars	Score	74-71	Dec. 2, 1972

Statistics cover all games but the last two
17 WINS 3 LOSSES

GALENA SPORTS ASSOC.
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December 22, 1972

Charlie Moses
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Dear Charlie:
I am writing this letter to inform you that we would like to challenge your undefeated FNA ball club to a game between now and March. That is if you are able to come down here. If you can, please let us know soon, so as we can raise some funds to help with your travel expenses. Can't say how much we can provide, but after a few activities I'm sure we can come up with some money.

Tell John Sackett that Agnes and I said HI!

Your Winter Sports articles are nice better bring down more than what you have in the paper. Enclosed are the statistics of our ball club, The Galena Nighthawks.

Sincerely,

Russell Sweetsir
Public Relations
P.S. Our water boy averages 15 points a game and he's 65!

Early Fishing Season— T-H Indians Ask Early Salmon Season

JUNEAU — The Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska will press for early opening of commercial salmon season, a uniform weekly Monday opening and will push for legislation defining rights of Alaska natives for subsistence use of Fish and Game resources.

Tlingit and Haida Fisheries Chairman Gilbert Gunderson of Wrangell and Charles Nelson of Ketchikan were designated to represent T-H at the Fish and Game Board meetings.

Gunderson said the committee was moving to implement the convention order on coming up with recommendations to resolve problems confronting Southeast commercial fishermen. "The seine boat fleet in Wrangell has gone from 51 boats to 5," Gunderson said, "and I am concerned about the reasons behind this." He said the committee will work hard to establish guides on how to improve returns to commercial fishermen.

Joe Demmert, Jr. of Ketchikan, himself a member of the Fish and Game Board, agreed with Gunderson and said that the late opening at Noyes Island caused the West Coast fishermen to miss a major portion of the commercial season.

The motion for a Monday opening "uniform for all net fisheries" was made by Jeff David of Haines. David is also the President of the Gillnetters Association.

The committee voted to support legislation that would place stringent guides on "limited entry" a program advocated by Governor William A. Egan, which would limit the limit the number of commercial fish licenses.

CATS AND KITTENS

Hundreds of unwanted and homeless cats and kittens are killed in Fairbanks every month. Don't be guilty of contributing to their pathetic picture. If you are concerned or would like to adopt a lovely neutered or spayed cat, call your local Pet Pride representative for information. Phone 456-7198.

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