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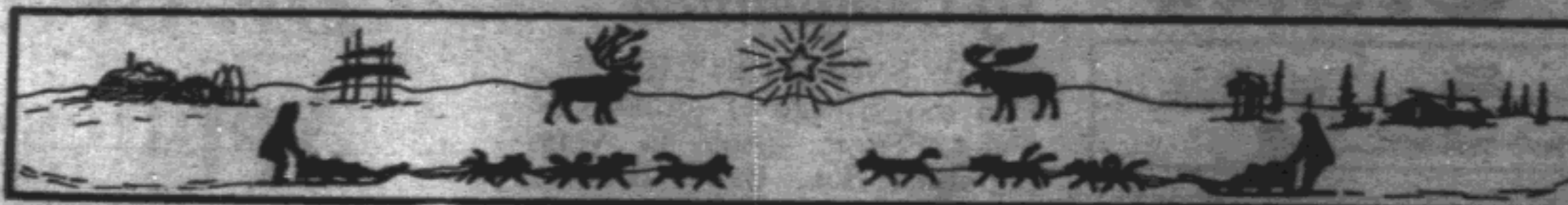
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## BIA HIRES INDIAN EDUC. EXPERT



### Dr. J. Bryde Drawing Up New Program Based on Pride in Indian Heritage

A new course of study for young American Indians, based on the strengths and historical significance of their heritage, will be used in schools of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of the Interior reported this week.

Developed by Dr. John Bryde, who has worked for 22 years in Indian schools conducted by the Jesuit Order, the new course has been tried in the Holy Rosary Mission School on the Pine Ridge, S. D., Indian reservation, as a means of developing self-esteem and capability.

This combined elementary and high school has a capacity of 500 students and is the largest Indian private school in this country.

Dr. Bryde is now at Fort Yates, S. D., under a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs working on instructional materials and

teaching guides for the course, which he calls "Acculturational Psychology" or "How To Be A Modern Indian."

It will be started in the first and ninth grade levels of Indian schools and is expected to be expanded to other grades.

One of the few white men to speak the Sioux language fluently, Dr. Bryde developed the new approach during his doctorate research into the psychological problems of Indian children.

A study of the records of both Indian children and white children in the Dakotas showed that Indian children overachieved the national norms on tests taken while they were in the fourth to sixth grades, but at the seventh grade began to fall

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**A PIONEER IN INDIAN EDUCATION**—Dr. John Bryde, a Jesuit priest, is pioneering a significant method of giving Indian children an education designed to give the students self-esteem and pride in their heritage as Indians. Noting psychological letdowns of Indian pupils at seventh grade level under accepted conventional grade school lessons, Dr. Bryde undertook an extensive

research into the psychological problem while working for a doctorate. A mild mannered, soft spoken man, Dr. Bryde has a background of 22 years of teaching Indian children. Dr. Bryde is pictured conversing with four Indian youngsters, it's presumed, at the Holy Rosary Mission School on the Pine Ridge, S. D., Indian reservation where he has been stationed.

### FNA to Honor Will Rogers, Jr With Reception

A reception honoring Will Rogers Jr. will be held this Monday, Nov. 20, by the Fairbanks Native Association.

Rogers, a special assistant to Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Robert L. Bennett, is visiting BIA schools and other activities in Alaska to become acquainted with the state's Native people and their problems.

The reception will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality House, and the FNA urges all Native people in the area to attend.

Rogers arrived in Alaska Monday and has visited schools in Juneau, Wrangell, Sitka (Mt. Edgecumbe) and Nome. He will arrive in Fairbanks Saturday, and depart for Wainwright and Barrow Sunday.

On this trip, he will visit the monument near Barrow marking where his father and Wiley Post died in a plane crash in 1935.

Rogers will return to Fairbanks Monday, visiting Anaktuvuk Pass on the way.

He will visit the University of Alaska that afternoon.

Following the reception, he will fly to Anchorage to talk to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall. If weather permits, he will also

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### Who Else But?—

## Ft. Yukon Dike Builders Consult Area's Expert Dam Engineers

Contractors building a dike to protect Fort Yukon, interior Alaska's largest village, from river bank erosion found that the key to success was to follow the methods of the area's most experienced—

expert dam builder—the beaver.

Erosion caused by two connecting sloughs of the Yukon River has endangered the new school and many homes in Fort Yukon in

recent years.

Several years ago, the U. S. Corps of Engineers tried to stop the erosion by damming the sloughs. They gave up before the dike was finished.

In 1967, the State Legislature appropriated \$200,000 under a bill sponsored by legislator Don Young, a school teacher from Fort Yukon.

The contract for the dike was let in July. The successful bidder was a joint venture of Tundra Contractors, Inc., and Jules Wright's Aurora Construction of Fairbanks.

A severe problem facing the contractors was that there was no rock available at Fort Yukon. The available materials—gravel, dirt and trees—would wash away when they were dumped into flowing water.

Comments such as "impossible!"... "the state is crazy!"... "the contractor is nuts!"... "the Yukon cannot be stopped!"... were uttered by the Corps of Engineers and others.

The contractors decided to consult experts on their problem. So they went to the area's age-old expert, the beaver, and studied his

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### 'They're Stupes'—

## Wounded GI Censures Anti Viet War People

by GENIE CHANCE

Lance Cpl. Ernest Evans, 20-year old Marine, rolled over in the litter that was strapped to the wall of the air evacuation plane. We were flying in an airborne "hospital" at an altitude of 37,000 feet over the snow-covered mountains of Alaska and Canada enroute to Washington, D. C.

From there he would be flown to the Navy hospital at Pensacola, Florida. And he hoped soon to be transferred to another military hospital near his hometown.

Ernie had been carried onto the air evacuation plane only a few hours earlier in Vietnam. Medical personnel aboard assure that

the patients' care continues uninterrupted between ground-based hospitals.

Ernie's eyes moved from the bottle of plasma hanging above him to the far end of the litter. There was only a large gauze-covered stump where his left foot used to be.

"My outfit—H Company 25—moved out on security patrol about 28 miles from Da Nang," he said. "We were making way for an outfit of tanks that were due to go through the next day. I stepped on a booby trap. When I woke up, I was in a field hospital. I had lost a foot. But I'm alive."

Ernie grew up in Montgomery, Alabama. Three

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### Barrow Hosts Scientific Conference

Dr. Holm Neumann, U.S. Public Health Service medical officer in charge at the PHS hospital on St. Paul Island in the Pribilof Islands, will be a participant in an international scientific conference at Point Barrow, November 17-23.

The event, part of a world-wide biology research effort aimed at preserving the earth's habitability, is a joint United States-Canada study of circumpolar populations.

Specific studies are to be carried out on Eskimo populations and this international working conference will discuss methods of obtaining research objectives.

Dr. Neumann's invitation

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### Seeganna Wins Top Honors At Exhibition

Peter Seeganna, King Island Eskimo artist who is now a resident of Sitka, won two top awards in sculpture in the 1967 Biennial Exhibition of American Indian Arts and Crafts which is currently held at the Center for Arts of Indian America in Washington, D. C.

He received the first prize for his sculpture in wood, Owl in Flight, and the second prize for his marble Seal.