

What People Expressed—

Tanana Chiefs Workshops

Workshops, used for the first time this year by the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) meeting in Fairbanks, resulted in the following expressions:

LABOR — A feeling that rural Alaskans do not have an adequate opportunity to apply for jobs with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). A resolution was passed to support establishment of a BLM training base at Holy Cross. Another resolution would establish union halls in four sub-regional locations.

HEALTH — Showers, sewers, clinics, and accident prevention programs are needed in the villages. Also in need of improved services are the mental, medical, dental and health educational programs. Fires and drownings continue to take many lives. Health transportation needs improvement.

In a related matter, Jim Huntington, Galena, said he would like to see TCC do something about "growing drug problems in the villages" — a problem he feels villages haven't faced up to. "Anytime a problem is kept a secret, it gets more serious," said Huntington.

FISH AND GAME — Huntington told the convention that deterioration of these resources

continued. Waste in game meat might be stemmed, he suggested, by setting up check-in and check-out systems in the villages as a way of determining what a hunter has done with his meat.

COMMUNICATIONS — Sen. John Sackett sees the establishment of a satellite communications commission as the number one item that Natives should strive for this year, along with subsidization of communications construction in rural and urban areas.

And according to Sam Kito, the state doesn't have a plan to implement a satellite communications system between villages, even while equipment for the system is available. "We can't call from one village to another," said Kito. "We can't communicate."

TRANSPORTATION — A ferry system to provide mobility between Yukon River villages should continue to be pursued. The use of hovercraft, which require minimal draft design, should be investigated.

State Rep. Larry Peterson, Fort Yukon, said a feasibility study shows that a ferry system would bring an economy to the villages along the river, including employment and tourism.

LEGISLATION — On the

federal level, delegates agreed that TCC should oppose a current bill that would outlaw the use of certain kinds of traps. The feeling is that if such a bill should pass, it could be the beginning of legislation outlawing trapping altogether.

It's also felt that a cost of living factor, by regional location, should be included in revenue sharing, and that unincorporated villages should be eligible along with first and second class cities. A base payment of \$10,000 for all municipalities is being looked at.

Festival of Native Arts

By DEBBIE WARFIELD

The first annual Festival of Native Arts will be held at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks campus, April 3-7. Exhibitions of Native crafts and dancing from all over the state will be shown. The displays will be in Wood Center and the galleries in the Fine Arts Complex.

Each day will be devoted to displays and crafts from a different area of the state.

Wednesday, April 3, will center around Southwest Alaska and the Yupik-speaking Eskimo. Dancers from Pilot Station will perform.

Thursday, April 4, will find Aleut crafts and Russian Orthodox art on display. Displays will be from the Aleutians and Kodiak Island.

Featured Friday, April 5, will be the Inupia-speaking or Northern Eskimo culture representing the Unalakleet, Nome Kotzebue, and Barrow areas. Craft demonstrations will include ivory carvings by Charlie Iyapanna of Kotzebue. In addition, an invitation has been sent to the Wainwright Dancers.

The program of Saturday, April 6, will focus around the Tlingit, Haida, and Tshimpian cultures of Southeast Alaska. William Smith, a student at the university from Wrangell, will demonstrate wood carving and oil painting.

Smith built the model of the the Shakes House at the Alaska Centennial.

Another university student, Leo Marks of Juneau, will be demonstrating silversmithing.

The Marks' Trail Dancers, a group of five from Juneau, will perform. Sixteen year-old Rick Beasley, also of Juneau, will demonstrate his skills as a wood carver. There will also be spruce root basket weaving and bead work exhibitions by Annie Lawrence of Hoonah.

Sunday, April 7, will be devoted to the Interior and Athabaskan culture.

Displays will be from the University of Alaska Museum at Fairbanks, and the Alaska State Museum at Juneau.

The purpose of the festival is to give the Native people of Alaska an opportunity to learn more about their crafts and cultures. Admission will be free and open to the public.

Contributions are needed to help bring Native artists to the campus. A total of \$4,800 had been raised as of March 12 from the Alaska Humanities Forum, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Usibelli Corp., the University of Alaska Special Events Committee, the Atlantic-Richfield Co., the Associated Students of the University of Alaska and the Alaska Association for the arts.

Contributions or information about artists or craftsmen can be sent to Student Orientation Services at the university.

Inuvik Athletes—

To Arctic Games

By LOIS KEATING

A group of 53 people went to Arctic Winter Games in Anchorage from this area. These included the Northern Games boys, the Mackenzie Delta Drummers and Dancers, and the Rae Drummers and dancers. There were also carvers and individual dancers.

They were joined by a group of games boys from Baker Lake. They did quite well, and the N.W.T. placed first in four out of six scheduled Arctic Sports events.

One of the major issues in this area recently have been the frequent meetings between Panarctic and the people of Sachs Harbour, regarding summer seismic activity on Banks Island. The Bankslanders are concerned about possible damage to the environment, especially to the white foxes and muskoxen.

This week the Sachs Harbour Settlement Council issued a news release through COPE stating that they will not approve summer seismic work, and that the company must stick to the October 1st through April 30th dates.

They say that presently there are 23 companies which have permits to explore on Banks Island, and if they give permission for any one of them to do summer work, it is reasonable to assume that all of them will want to do likewise, and that this could of course have a very bad effect on the environment.

Bill Armstrong, the senior Federal Land and Forests official in the N.W.T. told the Sachs Harbour Council members that

the decision regarding the Panarctic proposal was theirs to make and that he would respect their decision.

In the past two weeks, there have been two serious fires in the new Public Housing units here in Inuvik. Miraculously, no one was injured. For a long time, many people have been seriously questioning these dwellings, as there is only one exit in the two-story buildings, directly in front of the stairway, under which is located the furnace.

Just thinking about it makes me uneasy. And it doesn't help to know that in the 36-unit apartment building in which I live, there are only two exits. Sometimes I stay awake nights wondering what might happen if.....

I've been fortunate in being able to make frequent trips to Tuktoyaktuk on the ice road. I even had a chance to try some polar bear meat the other day and was surprised to find that it tasted good. I've also been eating a lot of quaq these days.

Aklavik is having a Mad Trappers Rendezvous on the 15th of April and Tuk is having a Jamboree about that time also. More about these later.

Book-by-Mail

The Alaska State Library is looking for 50 individuals to participate in a paperback book-by-mail project.

Interested individuals write to: Paperbacks-by-mail, Alaska State Library, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Gravel's TT Report

By Mike Gravel
U.S. Senator, Alaska

We've all waited a long time, but it's finally happened: The first checks from the Alaska Native Fund have been sent out. I share your joy over the settlement of the long-standing claims of Alaska's Natives.

I also want to make sure everyone is aware of the kind of hustler that may prey on Natives and their corporations.

SUSPECTED HUSTLERS REACH DOYON

We've received our first reports — from the Doyon Native Regional Corporation — of what may become a scheme to take advantage of unsuspecting families receiving Native Fund checks.

UNIDENTIFIED "CANVASSERS"

According to families within the Doyon region, unfamiliar "canvassers" have visited a few homes there, seeking permission to place Native families on a special "list." Supposedly, the list is being compiled by an "educational firm," for use Outside.

No one has been able to verify the existence of the mysterious "educational firm" or of any legitimate group which is sending out door-to-door canvassers. Why would a company want the names of Natives getting Settlement Act funds?

NATIVE MAILING LISTS?

One possibility is that these so-called canvassers really wanted to get the individuals' names, along with others in Doyon, in order to put together a list of Native Corporation members. Such a list could prove quite valuable to an enterprising hustler. He could sell the master list to companies, magazines, and other firms; these names could then be used by those companies as a mailing list, or even for sending salesmen into the area.

INVESTMENT SCHEMES?

Another, far more sinister plan, could involve bilking innocent victims through fake investment or "quick money" schemes.

A company with a fake

"front" and false address could send its representatives into the Native villages and regions, assuring recipients that, if they will just invest their Native Fund checks with them, the "company" will reinvest the money and guarantee a rapid increase in money, in a very short time.

Naturally, the victims would never hear from the money-grubbers again — until they received their next Native Fund check.

ONE PREVENTIVE MOVE: DEMAND I.D.

One means of combatting these schemes is by demanding proper identification of any canvasser. Genuine canvassers will present a card from the firm they represent, or a similar official document, which should include at least the canvasser's name, the title of his company, and his company's exact address.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW FUNDS

The director of the Alaska Criminal Justice Planning Agency has told me that a means of publicizing and combatting the schemers has been devised.

Using \$2,485 from a U.S. Department of Justice Law Enforcement Assistance Administration block grant, plus a lesser amount from the Department of Law in Alaska, seminars will be held in three main areas: Anchorage-Kodiak; Fairbanks-Bethel-Kotzebue; and Juneau-Sitka-Petersburg - Wrangell - Ketchikan. With the help of the Alaska Consumer Protection Office, part of the money will be used to produce a newsletter and 20 radio programs, all designed to expose such rip-off activities.

DO YOUR PART

Ultimately, though, it's up to each person to avoid becoming victimized by the hustlers and to expose any such schemes. There's nearly a billion dollars involved in the Land Claims Settlement Act — a most tempting source for a fast buck by the unscrupulous.

The time to put a stop to such activities is now.

PIPELINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALASKANS

All professional hiring in Alaska for the trans Alaska pipeline project has been consolidated by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and Bechtel Corporation* at one location in Anchorage.

The pipeline project has created a number of challenging opportunities in engineering and administrative services.

Applicants must have experience in one or more of the following specialties:

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- SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE
- AREA SUPERINTENDENT — PIPELINE
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- SENIOR ENGINEER
- Construction
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