

To Arctic Games

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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.