

## Alaska Phone Rates to Be Reduced Soon

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Alaskans will soon benefit from changes in time periods during which reduced rates will be in effect on long distant calls between Alaska and the southern 48 states as well as on calls within Alaska.

Colonel A. V. Smith, commander of the Air Force's Alaska Communication System has announced that the periods during which lower rates apply will be extended.

The new rate periods will become effective Nov. 1, 1967 and will correspond with those recently filed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with the Federal Communications Commission.

Between Alaska and the other states (except Hawaii), the new station-to-station, Monday through Friday rate periods will be: day, 7 A.M. to 5 P.M.; evening, 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.; and night, 7 P.M. to 7 A.M., the night station-to-station rates will also apply all day Saturday, Sunday, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Present station-to-station rate periods are: day, 4:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Friday; evening, 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Monday through Friday, and 4:30 A.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday; night, 8 P.M. to 4:30 A.M., Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday.

For "stateside" person-to-person calls the night rate period will be from 5 P.M. to 7 A.M. compared with 6 P.M. to 4:30 A.M. at present, with a resulting reduction in the hours day-time rates will apply.

Night person-to-person rates, which now apply on Sunday, Christmas and New Year's Day, will be extended to include Saturday.

Because of the time zone differential, Col. Smith pointed out that the extension of the night rate period will be of distinct benefit to Alaskans since it will be possible to place a call from Alaska before 7 A.M. at the lowest rate levels and reach persons in other states during their normal business hours.

For example, a three-minute call made between 4:30 and 7 in the morning from central Alaska to California, now costing \$5.50 for station-to-station service, will be only \$3.75, and the present \$9.00 charge for a three-minute person-to-person call will be reduced.

Likewise, calls from Southeastern Alaska to California on a station-to-station basis will be reduced from \$4.50 to \$2.75, and person-to-person calls from \$7.50 to \$6.25.

The intrastate night rate period will be 5 P.M. to 7 A.M. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. Day rates will apply between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. The present rate periods will be continued on calls between Alaska and Canada.



THE LOON DANCE—During the Eskimo Olympics in August, much native dancing was enjoyed by delighted audiences. Here an Eskimo dancer is getting into the spirit of the Loon

Dance he performed much to the amusement of the crowd. Colorful Interior Indian dances were also performed. —Photo by STEVE GORDON

## Bag 3 Whales

Guy Okakok reported from Barrow that whale hunters there have caught three so far but one was lost due to distance and lack of gasoline.

Luther Leavitt and his crew caught the first whale this fall when they brought in a 41-footer, or about a 41 ton whale.

Joash Tuklee caught one but lost it when he and his crew ran out of gasoline. They left the whale floating to get back to Barrow to refuel. When they returned, they were unable to locate the dead whale.

The third whale was caught by Alfred Hopson and his crew and this one weighed around 57 tons.

## Conference . . .

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Notti, urges that all areas of Alaska be represented as there will be many important matters discussed on the floor of the convention.

The meeting is expected to start at 10:00 a.m. Thursday.



MASKED DANCER—A King Island Village dancer from Nome dons a mask to perform for his dance team. He is wearing armpit length dancing mittens made out of dyed seal skin with thin ivory pieces attached

to them for rattles. From time to time, he shimmers and shivers his arms during the dance to emphasize the rattling sound.

—Photo by STEVE GORDON

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