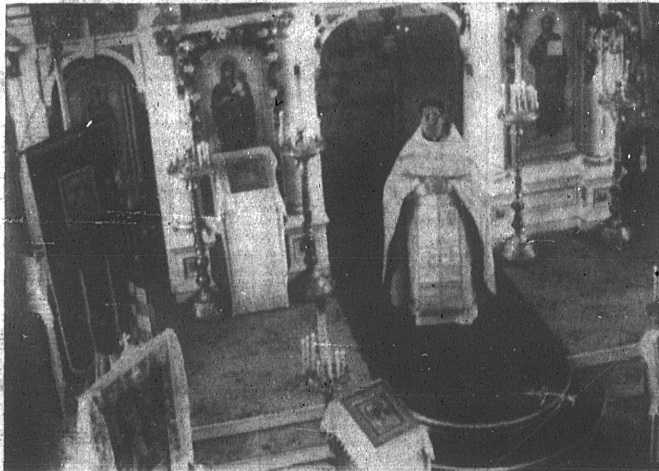


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A LINGERING FLAVOR OF FORMER CULTURE—Father Michael Lestenkof is seen resplendent in his robes of a Russian Orthodox priest as he officiates during a Sunday worship of his people on the historic town of St. Paul on one of the Pribilof Islands of the same name. The island of St. Paul is the largest of the group of five where 425 Aleut people live. Father Lestenkof officiates amid the splendor of the ornate Orthodox Church where his people congregate in impressive Sunday services. On the next largest island of St. George, a similar church rests in the center of the village of St. George, where 225 Pribilofians live. —Tundra Times Photo by Tom Snapp

5-Member Commission Asks Many Changes, Says That Servitude Carryovers Remain

By Tom Snapp, Asst. Editor

Many recommendations for far-reaching changes on the Pribilof Islands were made by a five-member commission to Governor William A. Egan on Friday in Juneau.

The commission, appointed by Governor Egan last May, embodied their recommendations in a lengthy 33-page report to which was attached four appendices of detailed data and statistics.

The commission, headed by Alaska's Secretary of State Hugh J. Wade, who acted as chairman, was comprised of: Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times who represented the public; Willard Bowman, ex-

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ecutive director of the State Human Rights Commission; Roy Peratrovich, tribal operations officer who represented the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and James C. Rettie, senior economist in the office of Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The commission, together with five appointed advisors and two newsmen, spent a week in early June surveying conditions on the Pribilofs, the headquarters of the multi-million dollar fur seal program.

The five-member commission met in Juneau on Thursday to make final changes in the report which had gone through two previous drafts.

The principal change made in the report was one to the effect that carryovers of servitude exist today in the Pribilof Islands.

Public Concern

According to the report:

"The commission was established largely in response to public concern generated by published reports that Pribilof Island residents are living under conditions of servitude and being denied their rights as citizens of the United States and of the state of Alaska."

Significantly removed from page 5 of the report was this sentence:

"Whatever dissatisfactions and grievances exist — and the Commission found some of these — they

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drawn when the Division learned that the Indians of Northway used these lands." It is possible that some further steps may become necessary to fully protect the rights of all Alaskans. State and Federal legislation will be suggested if such needs become apparent.

We appreciate your continuing interest in this area of my deep personal and official interest.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Roscoe E. Bell

Director

CC: Governor Egan

Phil Holdsworth

Lou Haas

P.S. You will be interested to know that your article on our proposed Lake Minchumina sale has brought one letter emphasizing the trap line problem.