



NOME NEEDS AFTER DISASTER

Affirmative Action Plan Not Acceptable to Minorities

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ANCHORAGE — The recently released Affirmative Action Plan for contracting practices will not be acceptable to minority contractors in Alaska, according to the Alaska Federation of Natives technical assistance director.

The plan has been developed by Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. to set forth a minimum standard of what the Department of Interior regulations establish for minority contractor participation on the Alaska pipeline project.

It was released Nov. 23 following meetings in Washington, D.C. and Alaska. Designed to develop a minority participation formula.

"We can't accept it; we won't accept it," said Tom Evans, technical assistance director and chairman of the newly formed Ad Hoc Minority Business Enterprise Task Force. "We don't expect Interior to accept it either. Naturally Alyeska started at a

low point to negotiate up, they never negotiate down."

The last of the meetings with Congressman, Alyeska representatives, outside minority contractors, Alaska Native contractor representatives and other agencies involved with minority representation, will be held in Washington Dec. 10. At that time Interior will have the final say.

Three aspects of the Alyeska Plan are unacceptable, according to Evans. They include time schedules, breakouts, and dollar figures for minority contractor participation.

The time schedule set out by Alyeska in the plan begins in early

1974, with no monetary goal, and ends in 1977 with \$120 million proposed for total minority business enterprise participation through contract or purchase order awards.

"We're not going to buy past history. By counting from earlier this year until now they're counting the biggest monetary increase so far," Evans said. "Now it's due to flatten out according to their statistics."

The second issue is regarding breakdown of major contracts so that small contractors or other minority business enterprises can do a share of the work. The

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Urgent Need for Cash Stressed by Mayor

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ANCHORAGE — A special disaster committee has been formed to deal with needs of Nome residents who can't be totally assisted by services of agencies working to restore the area after the recent Nome flood.

The committee was formed by Nome Mayor, Bob

Renshaw, to assist the Red Cross and the Salvation Army in helping primarily Native persons who lost fishing camps and subsistence needs in the recent disaster. So far the committee has collected an estimated \$1,600 from contributors from as far away as Florida.

"This money will be disbursed in collaboration with the professionals already working here," Renshaw said. "You see, they

are limited in many areas — bound by certain rules — as to how they may distribute assistance."

Renshaw explained that under most federal funding programs, building on floodplains is prohibited. Many of the subsistence fish camps destroyed by the flood were located in floodplains and he expects that much of the money collected by the disaster committee will be used to assist in rebuilding such camps.

Members of the committee include Rev. Norman Cridler, Father Jim Poole, Renshaw and Native representative, Danny Karmun, who is also a member of the Nome City Council. A local banker, Floyd Breedon, is serving as custodian of the funds.

"We really just need money," Renshaw explained. "Frankly, some of these disaster people's efforts have disrupted the local economy."

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Grand Opening Held Friday—

New Top of the World Hotel

By JEFF RICHARDSON
BARROW — America's highest hotel, the Top of the World Hotel in Barrow, Alaska held its grand opening celebration last weekend.

The hotel, completed in October, is jointly owned by the Native people of the Utqeaqvik Inupiat Corporation, the village corporation for Barrow, and Tundra Tours, Inc., a subsidiary of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

About fifty people attended the dedication banquet. Howard

Rock, editor of the Tundra Times and guest of honor for the opening, said the hotel "should be an inspiration to all our people in the future." He lauded the efforts of many Native leaders who helped make such a project possible.

A simple, elegant building the Top of the World boasts two stories, forty rooms, and a restaurant managed under contract by Sheffield Enterprises.

Construction was completed in a race against inflation and material shortages over a six-

month period, according to Nelson Ahvakana, president of Tundra Tours. He said the cost of building the hotel was approximately \$1.3 million.

The hotel was put together in Barrow by Pre Built Structures, Inc. after travelling thousands of miles in pre-fabricated pieces and modules from PBS headquarters in Spokane, Washington.

After coming most of the way by train and ship, the pieces finally arrived in Barrow aboard Hercules aircraft from Fairbanks.

Alaska Airlines to Lose Northwest Run From Anchorage

Alaska Airlines received official word from the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D.C. that as of January 6, 1975 it would no longer be allowed to serve the route from Anchorage to Nome, Kotzebue and Unalakleet, and that this route authority would be transferred to Wien Air Alaska.

In response to the telephoned confirmation, Ronald F. Cosgrave, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alaska Airlines said the announcement came at a very poor time for the cities involved.

"This area of the Arctic has just suffered one of the worst disasters in its history, and the removal of their major air carrier could be in effect a second disaster in their attempts to recover."

Emergency operations have been undertaken by Alaska Airlines this past week, following floods and high winds which have caused extensive damage in these cities.

"We have been flying emergency equipment and supplies to the people affected by the disaster," Cosgrave said. "In fact, we have offered to transport donations from others in the State at no cost, so desperate is the need."

The main streets of Nome were flooded as 70 knot winds crashed into the Arctic last

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AVEC Power Needed by Selawik

By DARLENE SKIN
SELAWIK — Selawik High School students are pictured here hanging A.V.E.C. operations chief Robert Brouillette in effigy.

These students represent over 500 upset villagers who have been without power for almost three weeks. The school is closed because there is no heat and water.

The health clinic, post office, city building are not usable either. The phone is out and we can't keep in touch with people outside the village in case of an emergency, except for some planes that come sometimes.

People are unable to pump oil from NANA tanks and many houses, hard to keep warm at forty below anyway are now without the fans to blow the heat around.

To the high school kids the worst part is the construction men have gone because they have no power to work on the new building and it is almost done. It was supposed to be open Dec. 5 but now nobody is working and the building is all boarded up.

Now over a hundred high school students and their teach-



EFFIGY — The people of Selawik village have been very unhappy over lack of power for a lengthy period. The high school students expressed the village feeling when they erected an effigy of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative man who recently visited Selawik. The Selawik students even stoned the effigy.

ers have no idea when their school will be ready, because A.V.E.C. did not get ready in time and doesn't seem to care even now. So the hanging in effigy happened.

The effigy is of an A.V.E.C. man because he came to Selawik and used poor language and made

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Byron Mallott Resigns ADCRA

Byron I. Mallott, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, announced that he has submitted his resignation to Governor William A. Egan. Mallott's resignation was effective December 2, the start of the new gubernatorial term.

Mallott said that whether or not Egan wins reelection as a result of the recent recount his decision to resign is firm. The Commissioner stated however that he would remain for several weeks beyond December 2 to assist during the transition should either Egan or Governor Jay Hammond wish him to.

Mallott, the first Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs established in July of 1972, is the first Alaska Native to hold a State Cabinet post and was the youngest Cabinet appointee, at 29, in Egan's administration.

"I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Governor Egan for giving me the unique opportunity to help create a new and important state department from scratch," the Commissioner said, "his Administration has created a solid foundation of increased State responsiveness to the needs of Alaska's communities upon which he or Jay Hammond can and must continue to build."

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