

Tundra Times Feast . . .

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Juneau Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, also announced that 300 pounds of Tlingit food from the sea—Alaska King Salmon—would arrive the same day.

Plans have virtually solidified for the annual Tundra Times Feast, which will be preceded by a cocktail hour beginning at 7:00 in the Westward.

Keynote speaker and noted actor Vincent Price, Chairman of the Interior Department's Indian Arts and Crafts Board, will discuss the banquet's theme: "Cultural Contributions of Alaskan Native Peoples."

Spearheaded by the Alaska Congressional delegation, nearly every elected official in the state will make an appearance.

The Governor of the State, the Hon. Keith H. Miller, will sit at the head table, near Miss World Eskimo Olympics—Miss Marie Irwin of Nenana.

Modeling a \$1000 gown of woven musk ox quivit, attractive Laura Bergt will also be there.

Tickets have been placed on sale, both in the Tundra Times office in Fairbanks and at select locations in Anchorage. Over 300 reservations have been placed, and over twice that many persons are expected.

A large crowd from Fairbanks, anxious to join the celebration will depart aboard two group-fare jet flights to the Cook Inlet City.

Special group fare rates are available for persons wishing to attend the Tundra Times Banquet in Anchorage on October 4,

and the annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention which will begin on October 3.

A flight will leave Fairbanks on Saturday, October 4, at 7:30 a.m. If there are sufficient additional persons interested, another flight will leave on Friday, October 3, at 8:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip fare will be \$38.00 plus tax. The one way fare will be \$21.00 plus tax. The return flight is open.

Anyone wishing to attend the banquet is eligible for the special rates. Village delegates attending the AFN Convention, and who wish to travel to Anchorage via Fairbanks, may also fly on the group fare.

Reservations and payment should be made before October 2, at noon. Interested persons may make arrangements for the flights by contacting Dorothy Perdue, at Ralph Perdue Jewelry, Foodland Shopping Mall, Fairbanks. Phone—456-5105.

Tickets for the Tundra Times Banquet are now available at the Tundra Times office, Room 220, 510 Second Avenue. Phone—452-2244. Those making the flights at group fares will be required to obtain the banquet tickets.

Gravel Assails Post . . .

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has denied them title (title which non-natives readily would have been eligible to receive) you are arguing that the prior injustice justifies a future injustice," Sen. Gravel stated.

to know this. Are we operating legally with Pete Three Stars sitting on the board as an Alaska native?" queried the Vice President of the board Thomas Richards, Sr., an Eskimo.

The rest of the board members sat puzzled for long moments when they realized that Pete, in fact, had been sitting on the board as an eighth member of the Alaska native section of the board.

In the meantime, Pete sat slumped over his dinner plate with a querulous smile on his face. Pete, as a Sioux, is a distinctly swarthy man.

"Mr. Chairman, in that case, I suppose," wondered a non-native woman secretary of the board, "we'll have to classify Pete as a white man."

Pete Three Stars looked up from his plate, chuckled and looked around the table with a wide grin on his face.

"What are you talking about? Look at me. I'm not a white man. You know, you guys as members of the board of a native newspaper, are discriminating against me. Up here, I work with natives, I eat with natives and I'm on the board of a native newspaper."

A board member said that Tundra Times was operating under state regulations, that it was questionable that Pete was an Alaskan native; that since the board doesn't exactly know his status, he should be replaced with a true Alaskan but that he be retained on the board as an alternate until a vacancy occurred in which event he would be reinstated as a full board member.

"You guys are really splitting hairs now," Pete said. "OK, you guys win I guess, but I still don't feel like a white man."

"We love you just the same, Pete, and we appreciate you," soothed a lady member of the board.

Eskimo Whaler Worries— Plankton, Whales

Thomas P. Brower, owner of the Cape Smythe Whaling and Trading Company and among the most respected of the Barrow Eskimo whalers, voiced concern today that increased tanker traffic through the Northwest Passage may represent a serious threat to the bowhead whale.

Brower noted that the bowhead whale has now begun its

fall migration westward along the Arctic Coast of Canada and Alaska and, as they pass Barrow, will figure greatly in the livelihood of the Barrow Eskimos.

"These great mammals migrate north in the spring, spending the summer months among the islands north of Canada. In the fall, they migrate south to wintering grounds in the Bering Sea," he said.

Brower said that, among his greatest fears, no one could guarantee some freak accident with a super-tanker would not result in a serious oil spillage.

"Such pollution," he said, "would kill the plankton on which the bowhead feeds."

The interest and the concern reflected in Brower's comments has been shared more recently by others, including Canadian Eskimos and officials of their government.

"Among the many problems of preservation," Brower added, "this should not be the least subject of discussion and study."

COBOL

A computer COBOL Short Course will begin Sept. 30 and will last six weeks at the University of Alaska.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in 117 Duckering. The course is for persons interested in computer applications in business, education, and other non-scientific fields.

The course covers programming and computer data handling.

The course is under the sponsorship of the Adult Education Department of the Fairbanks North Star School District and the university's Division of State-wide Services.

CHENEGA DISASTER

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school and I immediately asked Phil Totemoff if he had seen my wife and our three boys. I was very happy to hear that they were all up on the hill along with many others who I thought were lost.

THE SCHOOL building was not washed away, so it was decided that everyone should stay there as it was warm. Someone went to get the rest of the people from the hill. When they arrived at the school I was very happy to see my wife, our three boys, Mark, Nick, Jr., and Arthur, and all the rest of the people who managed to make it to higher ground before the wave reached them.

MISS KRIS MADSEN, the school teacher at the time, saw to it that everyone received dry clothes, coffee, soup and milk for the children. The older people decided that we should spend the night on the hill after another tremor frightened some of the women and children. Everyone agreed since there was a possibility that there might be another wave.

WE ALL HEADED up the hill and spent the long cold night huddled around the fire, that the men built. Miss Madsen had a portable radio and we listened to news of the disaster in all the other places that were hard hit also.

THE NEXT MORNING those of us who survived were taken to Cordova. The Cordova Airlines widgeon, piloted by Jim Osborne, made three trips taking the injured, the women and children first. The rest of the men went to Cordova on two boats, the Marpet and the Shamrock. The Shamrock, owned by Paul Selanoff, who was seal hunting with George Chernoff at the time, was in the vicinity of Nellie Juan where three more people were lost, my Godfather, Alex Chimovisky, his wife, Anna, and Manuel, their son. They were winter watchmen in the one-time salmon cannery of Port Nellie Juan.

IN CORDOVA the people were very friendly and hospitable. The Red Cross set up temporary quarters for us in the Cordova Community Center. Food and clothing were provided by the Red Cross. My family and I stayed with the Rev. Bert Hall and his family at the Baptist parsonage. Bert and his wife, Helen, made us very comfortable and I am eternally grateful for their hospitality.

THE CHENEGA Village Coun-

cil, of which I was a member, met on numerous occasions with Bureau of Indian Affairs Representatives and Red Cross officials to determine where we would relocate near Tatitlek.

A GROUP OF us men from Chenega went to Tatitlek in the latter part of May to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs carpenters construct tents for temporary living quarters. We lived in those tents until November when the homes that were being built for us were partially completed. We moved into our new homes in the latter part of November, 1964. All the labor was provided by those of us who were getting new homes.

ON SEPTEMBER 15th, 1964, I was ordained as reader of the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Tatitlek by His Grace Bishop Amvrossy of Sitka, and served the parish of Tatitlek as Reader until September, 1967, when my family and I moved here to Anchorage, where I am presently employed at the Anchorage Post Office Annex as a clerk in the Alaska Dispatch Section.

MY PRIMARY reason for moving here was to further my education. I enrolled in the Basic Education section of the Anchorage Community College under the State Manpower Development Program. I attended classes for two and a half months, passed all my G.E.D. tests and subsequently received my high school diploma on May 10, 1968. I am very grateful that I was given this opportunity to earn my high school diploma.

ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1968, I was ordained to the Diaconate here in Anchorage by His Grace Bishop Theodosius of Sitka. At present I am the Parish Deacon of St. Innocents' Orthodox Church of Anchorage. I assist our Pastor Father Nicholas Harris in our church services temporarily being conducted in the Greek Orthodox Church on 44th and Arctic Boulevard.

WE HAVE a program on Station KYAK here in Anchorage and I am a participant in this program sponsored by the St. Innocent Mission Society to further the Orthodox faith in Alaska. I am very grateful to be a part of this task.

WHEN I WAS on that hill in Chenega on the fateful day of the earthquake I didn't dream that I would one day be on radio speaking of the Orthodox faith to my fellow native Alaskans.

Bruce Appoints Manpower Man

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Louis R. Bruce, announced this week the special assignment of J. Leonard Norwood, Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Administration, to direct an expanded manpower training and employment assistance program for Alaska natives.

Commissioner Bruce pointed to the ever increasing demand for semi-skilled and skilled personnel as a result of the tremendous economic impact of the oil development program in Alaska.

He also commented that Assistant Commissioner Norwood was chosen for the Alaska assignment because of his extensive experience with Indian affairs and his particular administrative background.

Assistant Commissioner Norwood's immediate responsibility will be to work with representatives of the industry, particularly the oil industry, and of State and Federal agencies to provide additional employment opportunities for the Alaska natives.

Pete Regains Stars . . .

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two other stars so he can be 'Peter Three Stars' once again."

The motion was made at last Friday's board meeting by Prof. Jimmy Bedford, comptroller of the Tundra Times. It was seconded and passed unanimously. This was made as a reward because Pete has started to attend board meetings again.

A month ago, BIA awarded Pete a 20-year pin for meritorious service. Tundra Times wrote up the story. The story, however, included that the newspaper's board had divested two of Pete's three stars because he had been absent from board meetings.

The story of the incident traveled clear into congressional offices in Washington, D.C.

"I am anxiously awaiting news of your earning back two of those three stars which you lost. Be sure to keep me posted.

"Congratulations on receiving your twenty-year pin. I am sure it is your devotion to duty that has made you miss those board meetings and not a lack of interest."

The note was signed, "Mike." It was a brief letter from U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska.

After reading about Pete's name difficulties, Congressman Howard W. Pollock of Alaska wrote to Pete:

"Hi: I've been reading about you . . . and thought you might like to have this clipping. If I can ever be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me."

Peter P. Three Stars is a Sioux Indian from South Dakota. Being a Sioux also got him into a comical hot water as well as somewhat being serious. So much so that the incident began to take on legal overtones.

The board consulted the Tundra Times bylaws and pointed out that the Board of Directors specifically called for eight or more Alaska natives and seven or less non-natives.

"Mr. Chairman, I would like