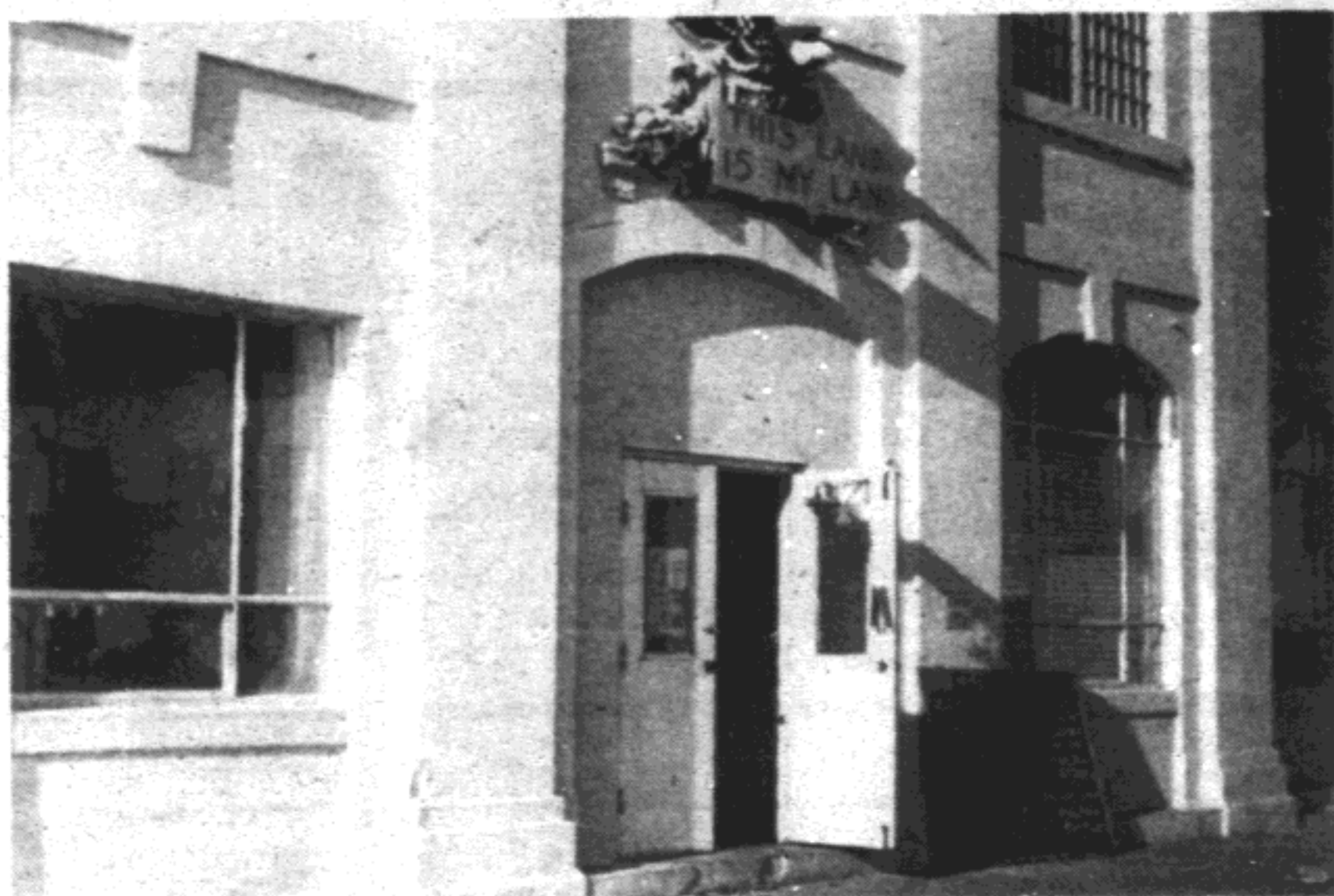


Alaskan Eskimo Takes Part in Indian-Alcatraz Island Affair



CELL BLOCK—The door is ajar where the San Francisco area Indians hold their meetings. They hope to make Alcatraz Island into an Indian Cultural center.



WATER TOWER—This was the source of water for the federal prisoners. Note the large writings on the water tank.
—All Photos by RICHARD GARCIA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently, 300 San Francisco Bay area American Indians invaded the Island of Alcatraz, famous as the federal maximum security prison and which had been discontinued by the government in favor of the San Quentin Prison, to claim it as their own on the basis of prior discovery by the Indians. The incident has made national headlines. Adding interest is Richard Garcia who writes of an Eskimo who is taking part in the Alcatraz affair. Garcia's wife, Karen, worked for Tundra Times in Fairbanks two years ago. Richard is working for a degree in Anthropology and has taken interest in the native Americans of the United States.)

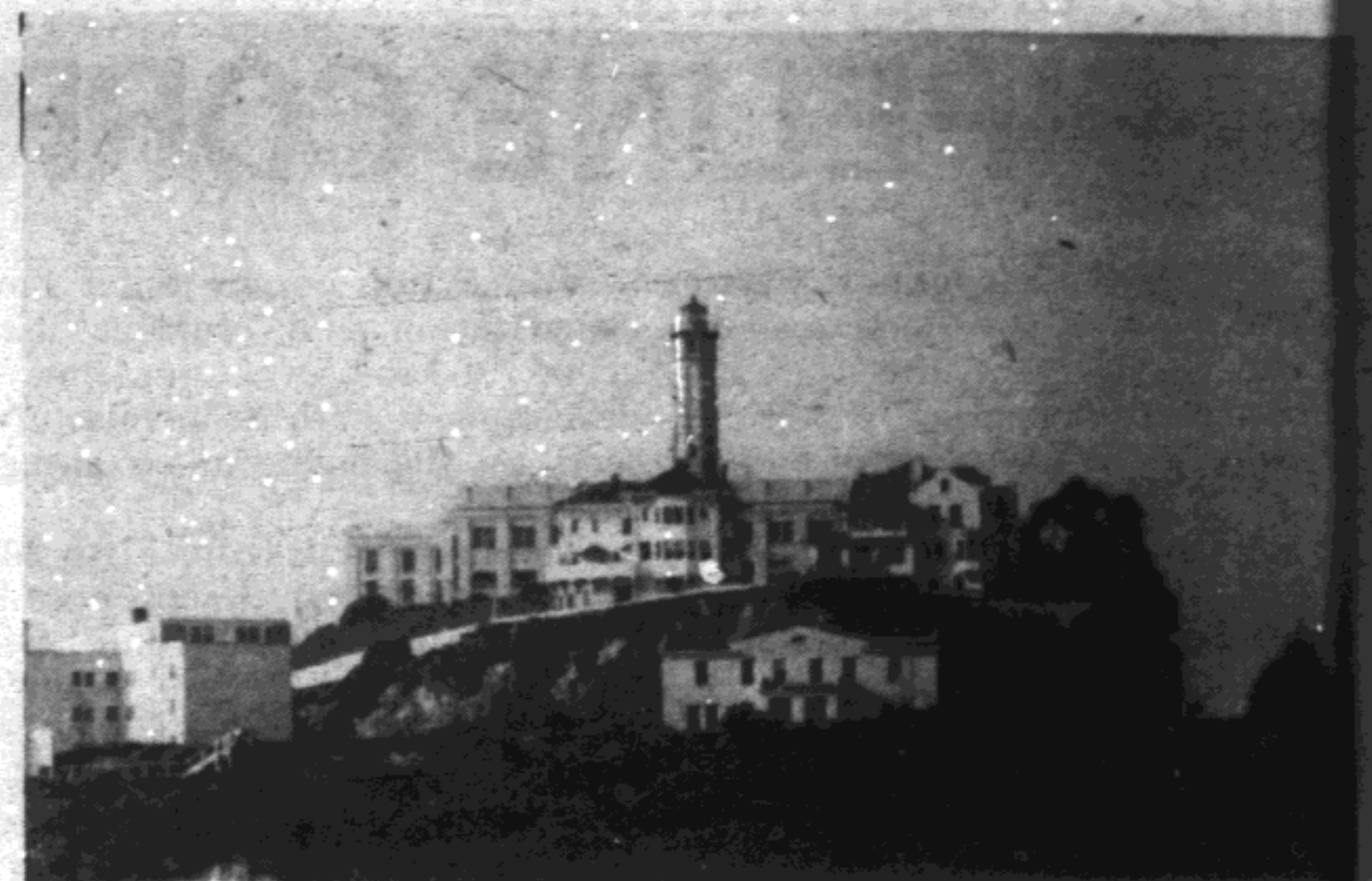
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The native American Indian is tired of being the victim of broken treaties, rustled off to reservations and exploited by his white brother.

Recently, a group of American Indians landed on Alcatraz Island, the once federal maximum security prison, to claim it in the name of all Indians in the hope of establishing a cultural center.

Included in this center would be a program of Native American Studies, an American Indian Spiritual Center, Center of Ecology and museum, where the white man may visit and learn of his Indian brother's ways.

Since their occupation of the island, state, national, and international news coverage has brought new attention and concern to the Indian problem.



ALCATRAZ—The American Indians recently invaded the Island of Alcatraz off San Francisco. Formerly federal maximum security prison, it is now abandoned.

Among those who have defied the white power structure and gained new dignity for his people by remaining on the island, is Joe Bill, a native Alaskan Eskimo.

Joe is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tall of Hooper Bay, a graduate of Saint Mary's Mission and one who looks forward to a better way of life for his people.

He came to San Francisco in 1965 to attend San Francisco State College and major in Native American Studies. Upon graduation from State, he plans to return to his village to teach.

At present, Joe is working with the Equal Opportunity Program and Administration of San Francisco State to make possible the acceptance next year of more

Native American Eskimos.

He is also involved in the California Indian Students Union, which has representatives in nearly all universities, junior and state colleges in California.

Periodically, these representatives meet and discuss new programs and ways in which they may help to better their people.

The organization which Joe is now representing on the island is now in the process of viewing the problems of his Alaskan brother and hopes in the near future to render aid and support.

Joe is a fine example of what the future holds for the previously oppressed Indian and Eskimo of our country. His people will no longer be a silent, needy minority, they will be heard.

Bethel Gets Set for Arts, Crafts Fair

Bethel is now preparing for its Arts and Crafts Fair to be held Jan. 17 and 18 and requests that all entries be in by Jan. 9, 1970.

Each item should be marked with the name of the person who made it, the name of the village and the price—if it is for sale.

All items not for sale should be so marked.

Prizes will be awarded in each

of the following classes: Basketry—birch bark, spruce root, split willow, saltwater grass; Sculpture and Carvings—wood, ivory, soapstone, models and miniatures, sleds and boats; Masks—skin, wood, bone, ivory; Graphics—sketches, oils, photography, skin drawings; Dolls—wood, ivory, fur; Skin Sewing—mukluks, mittens, hats, parkas, headbands, slippers; Miscellaneous—beadwork, kus-

puks, pottery and ceramics, knitted items, utensils.

An article of traditional value to Eskimo culture will be selected and bought for the Bethel Museum—price not to exceed \$50.

Running concurrently with the fair will be the annual Winter Carnival at Bethel.

All entries in the fair should be sent to Donna Dinsmore, Box 364, Bethel, Alaska 99559 or to Sheila O'Rourke, Box 426, Bethel, Alaska 99559.

FNA Members Meeting Date Set for Jan. 6

The general membership meeting for January has been changed to Tuesday, January 6, 1970. The reason for the change is the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors will be meeting on January 8th and 9th in Anchorage.

It will be a very important meeting and it has urged all members and prospective members to attend.

The meeting will be held at the Hospitality House on Airport Road beginning at 8 p.m. It might be added that, there is no longer a yearly dues requirement to be a member of the Fairbanks Native Association. The FNA extends an invitation to all natives in the Fairbanks area to join our organization.

Ralph Rivers Party

The Central Alaska Democratic Club cordially invites EVERYONE to join them in a Farewell Party honoring Ex-Congressman Ralph and Martha Rivers at the New Eagles Hall,

U.S.S. Scholarships For Hi-schoolers

Young people who need financial assistance to attend a secondary school outside their village should apply now with the United Scholarship Service of Denver, Colorado.

Upon request, the U.S.S. will send an application form for secondary school assistance and information on the Secondary School Admission Test.

Memorial for D. Jenness Anthropologica

Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada plans to honor the memory of Dr. Diamond Jenness in a special issue of the school's journal and needs the help of Alaskans to do so.

Dr. Jenness landed very near Prudhoe Bay while with the Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913-1916.

While in Canada, he was adopted by an Eskimo family.

"To the end of his days," a university spokesman wrote, "he wondered and worried about the future of the native peoples of the North."

Known as the Canadian Research Centre for Anthropology, the university would like to hear from anyone in Alaska who met or knew Dr. Jenness.

"We would like reminiscences and tributes to this man," the spokesman said, "who put his humanity before his research and served both well."

The journal in which Dr. Jenness will be honored is Anthropologica. Send all information to Jim Lotz, Saint Paul University, 223 Main, Ottawa 1, Canada.

Saturday (tomorrow) from 7:30 until ???

Semi-formal, food, refreshments and dancing to the music of the Frigidaires.

The test is required of all scholarship applicants seeking admittance to grades 7 through 11.

The next such test will be given Feb. 7, 1970, but applications to take the test must be received at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J. no later than Jan. 16.

A bulletin of information and a registration form for the test can be obtained by writing directly to: Secondary School Admission Test, Educational Testing Service, Box 922, Princeton, N.J. 08540 if not available from the scholarship service.

The test is not given in Alaska, and, if the applicant has to travel more than 75 miles to reach the nearest center, he should request a special center when sending in his registration form and fee.

Secondary schools use the test to estimate the students ability to do work in the school.

When applying for assistance from the U.S.S., the U.S.S. will help the student in seeking admittance to a secondary school once the student has taken the SSAT.

If the student knows what school he wants to apply to, the U.S.S. will work with that school on his behalf.

If not, the service will try to match the student with an appropriate school.

If possible, the applicants are asked to pay the \$7 fee for the SSAT, but, if the money is not available, the scholarship service will arrange to pay the fee.

Applicants are reminded that if their family income is low and neither parents are college graduates, they may be eligible for the ABC (A Better Chance) program, which will increase chances for a full scholarship.

All interested young people should write immediately to the Pam Coe, United Scholarship Service, Inc., P.O. Box 18285, Capitol Hill Station, Denver, Colorado 80218 and request an application for secondary school assistance and information on the SSAT.

