



GRAVEL EYES DEVELOPMENT

Feasibility Probe—

Study Commences on Native Arts Institute

A feasibility study scheduled for completion in December may result in the creation of an Institute of Alaska Native Arts in the State of Alaska.

The survey is currently being conducted throughout the state's villages and urban centers by three Alaskans for the Department of the Interior's National Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

Members of the survey team include Mrs. Laura Bergt and Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, both Fairbanks residents with a long history of involvement in Alaska Native affairs, and Eskimo journalist Thomas Richards Jr.

The coordinator for the survey project team, Mrs. Bergt, believes that the need is great for development of such an educational institution.

She explains, "The cultural direction in which society starts a Native will determine his future. It is for this reason that this educational institution for the State of Alaska must be founded with the innovative ideas and inspiration of the Alaska Native throughout the State."

The purpose of the survey, Mrs. Bergt said, is not so much

to promote the concept of a Native arts institute as it is to discover what opinions Alaskans have about the needs which might be met in the creation of the educational facility.

She added, "It must be understood that, along with the Native philosophy for this cultural institute, there would be the opportunity for the Alaska Native to advance his knowledge in other fields of philosophy, sciences and technology."

Precedent exists for creation of such an institute for Alaska Natives.

A national institution for the training of Native Americans in the arts was established in 1962 by the Department of the Interior.

The institute of American Indian Arts, located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, serves 300 students from more than 80 tribes of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The I.A.I.A. has met with much success in training young artists. This degree of success has encouraged the commissioner's of the Interior Department's Na-

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BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE — An Indian girl show business headliner, Buffy Sainte-Marie, is scheduled to appear at the annual Tundra Times-AFN, Inc. banquet to be held at the Captain Cook Hotel's Discovery Ballroom in Anchorage on October 26, 1974. Buffy is shown performing one of her routines. She will be performing with her guitar before the banquet audience. She will arrive in Anchorage on October 24 from Hawaii. Native leaders from throughout the state, many dignitaries and banquet-goers from all corners of Alaska will attend. Several dignitaries will address the banquet audience. The banquet is being held in conjunction with the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. annual convention at the Captain Cook Hotel on October 24-25-26. Tickets will be \$15 per person. On the evening of October 26, cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and banquet at 8:00 p.m.

Cancelled—

Self-Determination Lack of Interest Deemed Cause

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (AIPA) — "Indian self-determination has been cancelled because of lack of interest" was the observation of a BIA official following an aborted Sept. 24 markup session by the House Indian Affairs Subcommittee on the Indian self-determination legislation.

Chairman Rep. Lloyd Meeds, D-Wash., adjourned the session after failing to obtain a quorum of the Indian Subcommittee members. Meeds noted the absence of any Republican members and took potshots at the Republican administration which has publicly chided Congress for its failure to move on the Indian legislation since 1970.

Meeds could hardly defend his own Democratic Party's interest in passing landmark Indian legislation since only one Democrat was present when he

angrily adjourned the session.

That Democrat was Rep. Ron de Lugo of the Virgin Islands

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New High School Facility at Selawik

By DARLENE SKIN

The new high school building in Selawik is scheduled to be completed on Dec. 5. Meanwhile, Selawik students started school again Aug. 28 in a split shift attending classes from 1:30 to 7:15 after grades K-6 finish their day.

Everyone is anxious for the new building to be completed, especially to use the gymnasium. Meanwhile, the Selawik Wolves are looking forward to their first basketball game at Galena in November.

In addition to the gym, the new school building has rooms

Dilemma of Every Citizen

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS — U. S. Sen.

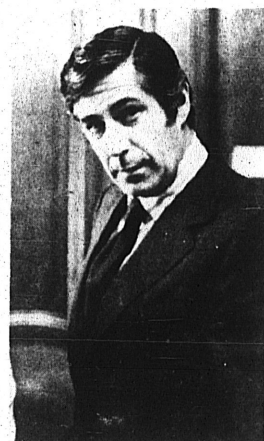
Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, said Saturday that the question of how much development Alaskans want is going to be "the dilemma of every single citizen in Alaska."

Gravel said he would like to see "just enough development so that we can live very well and live an enriched, meaningful life, which means, from Alaska's point of view, that we still have some more ways to go."

The Alaska Democrat, campaigning for re-election against Anchorage State Sen. C. R. Lewis, a conservative Republican, noted the role of the oil pipeline in development — in creating an economic base for many communities.

"But one of the most exciting things is the experimentation for a controlled environmental agriculture program at Wildwood," Gravel said.

"It is my hope that we can institute controlled agriculture throughout the state and bush areas, so that wherever we can find natural gas a village can have its own farming, to grow



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food and diversify its dietary spectrum.

"So when you talk about growth," the Senator said.

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SURVEY TEAM — The feasibility study of Institute of Alaska Native Arts has gotten off the ground and the study is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The assignment is on the proposal of the Department of the Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board that believes that an Institute is feasible in Alaska. Three well known Native Alaskans have started on the work and they are, left to right, Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, Thomas Richards, Jr. and Mrs. Laura Bergt. Laura Bergt is chairman of the study committee.

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