

SLOPE BOROUGH TIF GOES ON

Morton Fires Bruce and Crow

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton removed three top Bureau of Indian Affairs leaders from their posts Saturday, saying he was taking over to "put Indian operations back to work."

In the wake of a six-day occupation of BIA Washington headquarters by Indian demonstrators, name-calling and squabbling between executives drove Morton to act.

He said he was removing all Indian affairs authority from Assistant Secretary of the Interior Harrison Loesch, BIA Commissioner Louis R. Bruce Deputy BIA Commissioner John O. Crow.

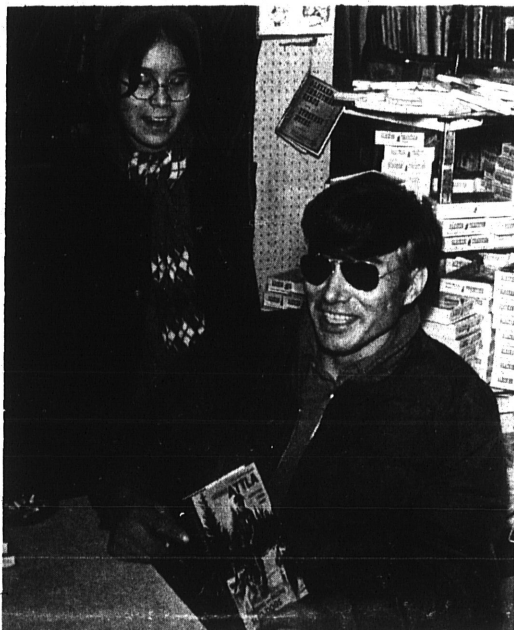
Richard S. Bodman, assistant secretary for management and budget was named as new head of the BIA.

Loesch and Crow joined last week in condemning Bruce for his sympathetic attitude towards the Indian demonstrators. Crow said, "I didn't like the support he gave to the unruly mob... He couldn't administer anything, he is just compounding the situation."

Both Crow and Loesch had earlier been blasted by the Trail of Broken Treaties demonstrators for being "anti-Indian."

A White House representative said he had never seen more polarization than existed between Interior and BIA. "They can't serve the people they are meant to serve," he said.

The spokesman concluded with, "This is a temporary, but very much needed, move. That place (BIA) seemed close to chaotic. The secretary had no other choice but to move in and exert management control. It was a fire brigade situation."



CHAMPION DOGMUSHER — George Attla, great dogteam racer, is posing with his new book, "Everything I Know About Training and Racing Sled Dogs." With George is his daughter Barbara.

— Photo by FRANK MURPHY

Geo. Attla: Champion Dogmusher

"I used to race back in the village. Owning a dog team was just like owning a family car." So George Attla, champion dog musher and winner of at least three Fairbanks North American Championship races, describes his entry into the sport that now takes up all of his time.

In Fairbanks Saturday to sign copies of his book "Everything I Know About Training and Racing Sled Dogs," Attla talked

about dog racing, what makes a good dog, times and competition other related topics. He noted that, while racers up here still have the biggest purse, \$15,000 racing outside is getting bigger then ever.

"They just got started five or six years ago outside and at the rate they're going I figure in four or five years they're going to have the biggest races." While

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Borough Work Goes on While Waiting Decision By Judge Eben Lewis

By JOYCE ZIMMERSCHIED

With the decision still pending from Superior Court Judge Eben Lewis, work continues on the proposed North Slope Borough. Borough Mayor Eben Hopson was in Fairbanks last week and answered some questions about the controversy.

Suit has been filed against borough by the oil companies, who claim that they will be stuck with the bulk of taxes. Company officials also question the legality of a borough formation there.

To these charges, Hopson said, "Under the Land Claims Act, there are 12 regions throughout the state, and ours is the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. They (the Natives) are entitled to select something over five million acres of land, and the whole acreage is not necessarily around the villages, so there will be some lands under their own selection process that will be selected for

possible mineral-rich lands.

"This may be for recreation or what have you, but, and the reason I brought this thing up is that the oil companies argue that they will be the only taxpayers and they feel they will be paying more than their share."

"I said I don't think that's a fair statement to make. Whatever the millage rate is, it is going to apply to the oil companies on Prudhoe Bay as well as property owners in all of villages."

Villages included in the widespread borough lands include Barrow, Wainwright, Point Hope, Anaktuvuk Pass and Barter Is-

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Daisy Peterson's Search- Finds Sisters She Lost 52 Years Ago

Mrs. Daisy Peterson's 52-year search for two of her sisters has had a happy ending. Both women have been located alive and well — in spite of an earlier report that one had died.

It all started in February when Mrs. Peterson, once from the Bethel area and now a resident of San Jose, California, wrote to the Tundra Times asking for help finding her sisters

Mary and Emma.

They had been separated in 1920 when their mother, an Indian woman, died and their father had to put them in other homes in that area.

Mrs. Peterson and her sister Bess were adopted by the Higgins family of Tokatna. The others, sent to different homes, disappeared.

Mrs. Peterson and Bess began looking for their two sisters.

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Emil Notti Hints He May Seek Begich's Seat

Candidates who would draw strong bush area support are important to the U.S. House as to the Natives they represent, said Democratic State Chairman Emil Notti recently. He also outlined party procedure for choosing a nominee but left open the possibility of his own candidacy "sometime in the future."

Notti, Alaska Native Foundation president and an Athabascan Indian, told almost 50 Bartlett Democratic Club members that the Central Committee would use no "smoke-filled room" schemes, but would pick a candidate only after questioning rank and file members.

"Sometime in the future there might be a time to talk about it, but of course that

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The Village High Schools--

Could Breakthrough Turn Into Setback for Native Education?

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For the first time, high schools have opened their doors in several small villages, and more of these schools are being planned. The hope is that village high schools will end the psychological disasters caused by secondary education away from home.

Once served by such schools, Native students will no longer be forced against their will to leave home for high school — an event which often causes anguish both to students and their families.

With village schools, students who would otherwise drop out of school because their families need help at home can finish

their education.

Also, those students who wish to live in the village as adults can receive their diploma without developing the split cultural identity of many students who now leave home for high school and then find when they return that they are dissatisfied with the village but happy nowhere else.

There is a danger, however, that village high schools could set back Native education unless Natives demand more than just a high school in every village. The possibility exists that such village schools might not be able to furnish the background needed by those village students who desire to go to college or to become professionals.

This is an especially important consideration in view of the increasing need for Native pro-

fessionals to staff the regional and village corporations created by the Land Claims Act and to take over programs managed by white professionals.

Thus, while getting a high school into every village should be the first priority in rural secondary school planning, village high schools are only part of the answer to the problem of rural secondary education.

The answer is to offer different kinds of high school programs fitted to the needs of students with different interests, abilities and goals. Village students need not only choices but also the experience necessary to make good choices.

Village high schools must provide broadening educational experiences that will equip students to make informed choices

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City Alcoholism Program Scrutinized

With a possible total of \$452,269 federal, state and local funds available for the Fairbanks alcoholism program, head of Health and Social Services Glen Wilcox appeared before the city council in council chambers Monday morning to request an additional \$282,164.

Revenues come from three state, two federal and one city source. State agencies are the Office of Alcoholism, the Division of Corrections (state jail) and the revenue sharing program which funnels down from the state to the city. Federal agencies are the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Public Health Service. And general revenues come from the city.

Wilcox said that if all the

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