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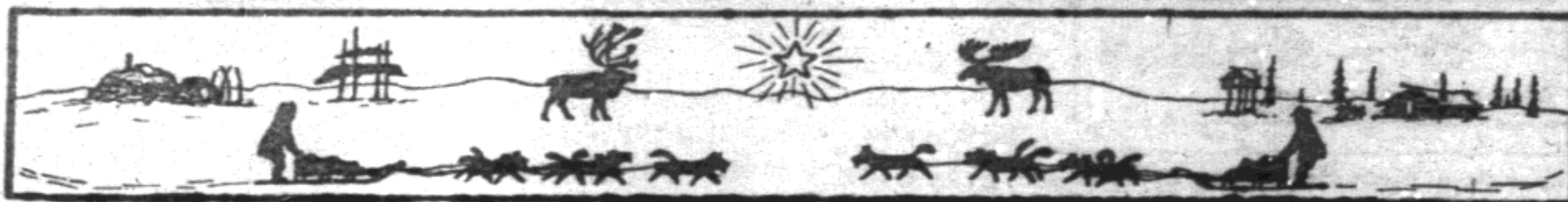
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LEADER RAPS LEASE SQUABBLE



SENATOR MIKE GRAVEL (right) talks with Jean Chretien, Canadian Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa during a trip to the Canadian Capital. Senator Gravel also met with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre

Trudeau and other high ranking Canadian officials to discuss problems of mutual interest between Canada and Alaska. The possibility of paving the Alaska highway was one of the major topics in the discussions.

Hopson Declares Lease Holders Tiff Is Over Historic Native Lands

An Arctic Slope native leader has taken to task the current group of individuals who are embroiled in a heated controversy over Thomas E. Kelly's reclassification of 2.9 million acres from non-competitive to competitive bidding status on oil lease holdings on the North Slope.

Thomas Kelly is the commissioner of natural resources for the state.

Ex-state senator, Eben Hopson, now executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, said:

"While we, the native people, are forced to wait and sit in spite of our screams of injustices on the proposed settlements for our land claims, the oil companies, the able few, and all awe-struck would-be millionaires are fighting over the very lands that we have claimed and to which we are legally entitled."

Hopson said he wondered how many people, if any, are thinking the same thing "I am con-

cerning the screams of injustices by the holders of land leases on the North Slope."

"Have you ever seen," he continued, "a real fat, juicy bone belonging to and laying beside a puppy dog tied to its post out-



EBEN HOPSON

side the house when along came two other dogs and took it away from him and fought over it?

"Then an equally cruel master of the two dogs came along and said to them, 'You must first prove your worth before you can eat the bone,' shamefully disregarding the poor puppy that was tied down and lost what was his originally."

Hopson said it didn't take

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AFN to Ask Funds For New Land Bill From Legislature

Following the meeting with Senator Ted Stevens this week with the Alaska native leaders, Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, said that as an agreement of the meeting, he will be seeking a meeting with Governor Keith Miller and the state legislature in reference to funding a conference of native leaders to come up with a bill in which everybody can agree and support.

"The six-week deadline Sen-

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Rep. Howard Pollock Confident Land Bill Can Pass 91st Congress

"I have pledged my best efforts on behalf of the natives of Alaska and will continue to do everything in my power to assist them," stated Congressman Howard W. Pollock yesterday.

Showing confidence that the native land claims will meet with successful legislation in Congress, Pollock said:

"I really believe the native land claims problem can be fully and finally resolved in the 91st Congress. I have discussed the

matter fully with Congressman Wayne Aspinall, chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee."

"He has indicated to me," Pollock continued, "his belief that this present Congress will go down in history as an Indian (native) Congress as distinct from a Congress that devotes its efforts to establishments of national parks and monuments."

Congressman Pollock said that the hearings which he was successful in scheduling last year in Washington were the first ones ever held in the nation's capitol

on the Alaska native land claims.

"I think they were very important in paving the way to overcome some of the obstacles which we will have to surmount if we resolve this matter within these next two years of the 91st Congress," Pollock said.

"I'm hoping to have hearings scheduled here in Alaska by the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee sometime this summer—probably in August."

Pollock said he was hopeful to arrange to have the members of the Senate Interior and Insular

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Leader's View on Hickel Hearing Brings Out Leaders' D.C. Efforts

(Editor's Note: The following report by the 1st vice president of Alaska Federation of Natives, John Borbridge, Jr., to the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, of which he is also president, is important in that it tells the running account of the efforts of our native leaders in Washington, D.C. before and during the extensive hearing of Secretary of the Interior designate Walter J. Hickel by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of Sen. Henry M. Jackson. We think that our native leadership did exceptionally well in Washington and Borbridge's report is an excellent account of the effort.)

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS re: Hickel Confirmation Hearings
December 27 - January 20

(The following touches only on the highlights of events that demanded daily attention. Not all appointments are listed)

Friday, December 27: The President of Alaska Federation of Natives, Mr. Emil Notti, was called to the Governor's home to

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Editorial—

A Request that Might Be Met

That Alaska's Arctic North Slope will be the tremendous source of oil production is beyond doubt and that the flow of this great wealth will continue on for great many years in the future. Billions of dollars will be realized to line the pockets of huge hordes of people but very few, if any, will be the native people of Alaska. If nothing is done our people, as usual, will be left outside looking in at the apportioning and distribution of one of the world's biggest pies ever produced.

The production of the huge oil resource will be spewing forth from the accustomed tramping grounds of the native people in their quest for livelihood through great many generations and into the remote past. They have hunted caribou, for fur-bearing animals, fished in the

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HENSLEY CAUTIONS

Rep. William L. Hensley urges rural Alaskans to take a close scrutiny of the recommendations by Gov. Keith Miller regarding the creation of six unorganized borough areas to replace the single unorganized borough area that now exists.

The proposal by Gov. Miller seeks to create six service areas of Alaska not now within an organized borough. Advisory boards of five members would be elected within each unorganized borough.

The powers of the Advisory Boards would be limited. They would not have the power to tax—this power would remain with the Legislature.

The powers of the Advisory Boards would be mainly in the form of recommendations to the Local Affairs Agency and a man-

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