

Gov. Gives Natives Support on Claims

Don Wright told the Tundra Times that he, Rep. Willie Hensley and Cliff Groh met this week with Gov. Walter Hickel in Juneau and asked the governor to support the 40 million acres the natives of Alaska want and the \$500 million compensation.

Wright said that the governor was committed to supporting the native people on those requests from the federal government.

"He is going to press for 20 million acres to come from the federal government reserve lands as part of the award of lands for the native

people," Don Wright said. "He has sent wires to Sec. Stewart Udall, Sen. Jackson, Rep. Wayne Aspinall and James A. Haley, chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs."

He said that the state feels the native land claims issue was the biggest issue confronting all the people of Alaska and that the governor will publicly support speedy resolutions to the land claims and will take whatever action necessary within his authority as governor of the state.

Happy Young People Leave for Europe

Thursday, June 6th, was a red-letter day for 15 young Anchorage students. They, and four chaperons, left for an International Educational Student Tour for three weeks in Europe.

The main purpose of the trip is to promote international relations and to compare school programs abroad with those in Alaska.

The group will travel throughout seven countries during their stay in which time they will cross-examine the temples of Rome and the tower of Pisa, will ride the Venecian gondolas, and will visit such cities as Amsterdam, Strasburg, Munich, Florence, and Copenhagen. They also will see such sights as the lights of Paris, the English styles of London, and the mountains of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

The group has been hard at work organizing a program for European students generalizing life in the United States, and specifically, in Alaska.

They will have the chance to visit a few of the European schools and show Alaskan wildlife films and produce skits of Robert Service's "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and "The Ice-Worm Cocktail."

The young Alaskans also will speak about Natives, weather, schools, and modern music in the 49th state.

The group will travel by two Volkswagon micro-busses. Youth hostels, non-profit organizations, and

travelers throughout Europe, will provide rooms for the night.

The total cost of the trip is \$650. This includes food, lodging, travel expenses, and spending money. One student, Mike Schillmoeller, won a grant of \$450 by the Fairview Parent-Teacher Association to help pay his fare on the trip. Each of the other students has had to pay his own way.

The group has formed an International Travelers Club in hopes of promoting more tours and school-sponsored scholarships in the future.

Newly elected officers are Oliver Smith, president; Cathy Wellman, vice president; Janice Franklin, secretary; and Lee Wheaton, treasurer.

The chaperons include Dr. Helen Beime, Mrs. Sue Hansen, Mrs. Hazel Pilkington, and Mrs. Irma Scavenius as the main sponsor.

Students were chosen on the basis of interracial representation and individual talents. They include: Blythe Davis, Janis Franklin, Page Hansen, Trinky Longeski, Cindi McCullough, Alicia Muldrow, Mike Schillmoeller, Oliver Smith, Chris Tower, Pat Ward, Cathy Wellman, Lee Wheaton, Jenny Williams, Darlene Wright, and Don Wright.

An account of opinions and experiences of the students on the tour will be sent back to Alaska by Blythe Davis, Pat Ward, Cathy Wellman, and Lee Wheaton.

Give Rights to Native Women, Children: Gravel

WRANGELL—United States Senate candidate Mike Gravel this week called for an overhauling of archaic laws which contribute to depriving native women and children of their rights.

"Under our present laws," Gravel said, "a native woman who marries a white man automatically loses her rights and privileges as a native."

"Native children who are adopted by white parents also lose their native rights."

"I am not a lawyer, but I don't think it takes legal training to recognize this as a cruel and unjust law."

"Punishing native orphans and making their adoption difficult is an inane method of dealing with this problem," Gravel said.

"It is time those of us who recognize the inequities in our present regulations governing native assistance do something to rectify the situation."

Begich Opens Headquarters

Senator Nick Begich, Democratic candidate for U. S. Congress will open his Fairbanks Headquarters today. Begich Headquarters, located at 123½ Lacey St., in the Polaris Building will be open today, Friday, June 14, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Begich, a member of the Alaska State Senate for 6 years, has been a strong supporter of educational legislation, preferential hire for Alaskans and development of Alaska's resources.

Senator Begich, his wife and their 5 children, live in Anchorage where Begich is Superintendent of Schools at

ISEGR initiates Native Language Program

An Alaska Native Languages Program has been initiated by the University of Alaska's Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research, according to Victor Fischer, institute director.

"The native peoples of Alaska have shown an increasing interest in preserving their own customs and languages," Fischer said.

"This interest along with the fact that native students at the university who are truly bilingual generally achieve greater academic success than those native-raised students who are monolingual in English, prompted the institute to begin this program."

The first project under the new program is aimed at developing teaching materials for the Yupik Eskimo language, spoken by an estimated 14,000 persons in the state.

Principal investigator for the Yupik project will be Oashito Miyaoka, assistant professor of linguistics and foreign languages at the university.

Prof. Miyaoka will be assisted by Irene Reed, who along with Prof. Miyaoka, taught Eskimo classes at the university, and by Patrick Afcan, an Eskimo student

Flood-damaged Native Homes to Be Repaired

Congressman Howard W. Pollock announced this week that the 1968 supplemental appropriation bill which passed the House of Representatives late Tuesday night by a vote of 324 to 33 provided \$1,107,000 for vital welfare assistance to Alaskan natives through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Included were \$683,000 to augment the income of some 912 Eskimo, Aleut and Indian families living in 70 different Alaskan native families who were dependent upon the salmon run for cash to meet basic living needs.

This appropriation became necessary when the 1967 salmon was only about the half the average over the last ten years, thereby virtually eliminating the major source of income for the 912 families.

Also included were \$424,

000 to help restore 305 native houses which were damaged by disastrous flood in Fairbanks, Nenana and Minto last August.

Congressman Pollock stressed that this supplemental appropriation would be to restore the 305 native homes to their pre-flood conditions.

Pollock also said in reference to some Alaskan news coverage on this supplemental appropriation that \$1,107,000 for Alaska native assistance was not a cut from the \$2,226,000 requested by the President earlier this year but rather revised estimates of what would be needed for the remainder of this fiscal year which ends June 30.

Pollock reaffirmed his determination to assure better houses for Alaskan natives.

Urgent!—

BIA Sets Down to Work on Roll Anticipating Land Legislation

An anticipation of legislation to settle the Alaska Native Land Claims, a basic roll of all Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians of Alaska is being started by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Fairbanks agency of the BIA superintendent, Wallace O. Craig, had

Fort Richardson.

The Fairbanks Begich campaign committee, headed by Frank Chapados and Janet Baird, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the headquarters opening. Refreshments will be served.

advised the village councils in the Fairbanks District of this important undertaking.

The outlying village rolls will be completed first and then those living in urban areas, or cities, will be concentrated on thereafter.

In the meantime, those living in Fairbanks and immediate surrounding areas may contact the local BIA office at 950 Cowles Street for enrollment forms and instructions.

Fish Feud..

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fishermen. The freezer ship, Akitsu Maru No. 5, that has been anchored 15 miles out of Bethel for many days is now reported to be berthed on the Kuskokwim River.

It has also been reported that the attitude of the state toward cooperative has undergone a change and that the co-op was now getting quite a bit of cooperation from the governor.

The attitude of the Mitsubishi has been that of a cooperative spirit from the start and according to reliable sources, has stayed calm all through the controversy.

It had been felt all along that the transaction was legal and that the governor had no legal ground on which to stand.

Last week, William Jacobs, executive director of the Alaska Legal Services Corp. told Tundra Times regarding the Bethel transaction:

"The International North Pacific Fisheries Treaty does not forbid that transaction. The Treaty applies only to high seas and not territorial waters. The federal government has the exclusive power to regulate foreign commerce."

In the meantime, the Bethel co-op has been doing very well on the sale of its fish. It has also been said that fish catches have been very satisfactory.

There is now a general atmosphere of cautious optimism around the fish feud and that things will come out alright.



PACKING—Excitement and general bedlam are the results when the girls get together to pack for their trip to Europe. Shown giving a word of advice is Mike Schillmoeller, who received a \$450 grant to go on the trip.