

FEUD OVER PIPELINE BREAKS

Panty Hose Even Enters the Picture

By HOWARD ROCK
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FAIRBANKS—"Yes, you would be able to manufacture panty hose for women and on top of that, they could be made heavy duty for cold weather wear," so said David H. Rainey, director of State Governmental Affairs for the El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Earlier, the Executive Vice President, George D. Carameros, Jr. of the company had told the meeting last Saturday of the Fairbanks community leaders at the West Goldroom of the Traveler's Inn, that if his firm built the Trans-Alaska Gas Pipeline, manufacture of petrochemical products would be made possible by the new energy installation.

Rainey indicated, however, that the establishment of the panty hose facility would be very expensive.

Carameros made an extensive appeal to the community leaders, some 150 of them, for support of his company's project. He told the gathering that the tax base for the state would virtually double with that of the construction of a gas liquefaction facility.

He said the approximate investment of the gas pipeline would be about \$2 billion along with additional \$1 billion for the construction of a gas liquefaction facility.

Carameros estimated that the state stands to realize \$45 million yearly in taxes and an additional \$25 million in royalties, also yearly.

The 42-inch line would be constructed almost all the way

alongside the Alyeska oil pipeline but it would branch out at the south end to a facility where the El Paso liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant would be located.

The liquefied energy would then be shipped by six LNG marine carriers each capable of carrying 125,000 cubic meters to a West Coast receiving and regasification plant, probably in San Francisco, Calif., where it would be made available throughout the United States by displacement through existing El Paso pipeline system.

George Carameros argued that the facilities would be entirely

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Air Taxis Are Agassed

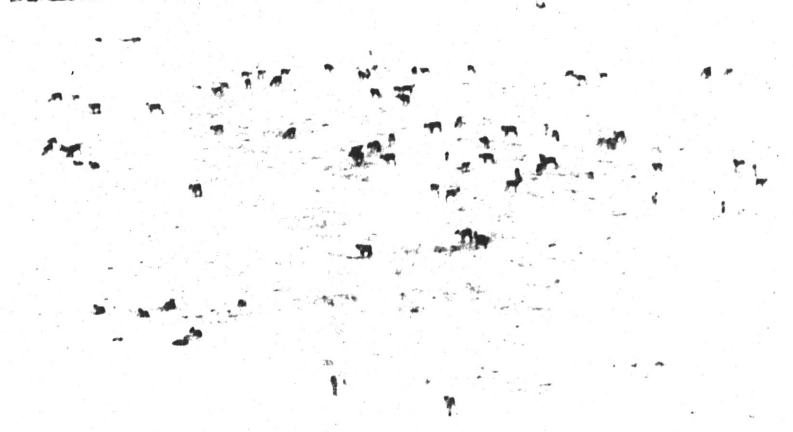
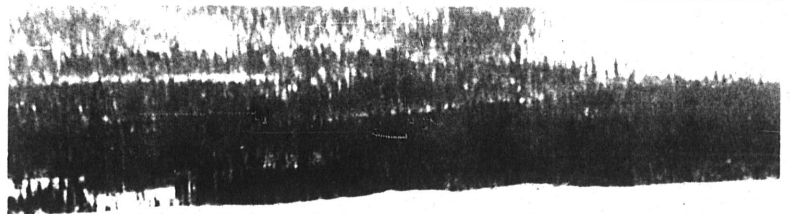
By SALLY W. JONES
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GALENA — For the people who live in the small villages around Galena, the energy crisis hasn't hurt much, because their culture isn't replete with Cadillacs, neon signs, and scores of other energy-consuming activities and gadgets.

But this month, the energy

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TAKING A BREAK — Large herds of caribou are often seen on the move, but this herd, spotted approximately 50 miles east of Bettles, settled down to enjoy a feast of lichen. The

large herd, which covered most of one mountain and two neighboring ridges, was hardly disturbed by the sound of a passing airplane.

— Tundra Times staff photo

Taking A Slow Plane to Anaktuvik

By Thomas Richards, Jr.
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In this age of jet commuter service among Alaskan communities, I often find myself at twenty thousand feet staring at small foil bags of cocktail peanuts, squinting my eyes to catch a glimpse of the earth below, and remembering how much fun it used to be to fly in Alaska.

Anytime these days, flying seems to be about as much fun as riding a New York subway. I was entertaining this

thought on New Year's eve as I was talking with Johnny Anderson, the Fairbanks business-

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Operation Bladder Aides St. Mary's

The Village of St. Mary's and surrounding area was out of fuel and faced with a serious problem.

This most unusual situation was the result of the barge carrying the 160,000 gallon winter supply for the St. Mary's bulk plant being unable to make the delivery from Standard's tanker to the bulk plant location some 120 miles up the Yukon River.

Due to a series of adverse weather conditions, all striking at once, strong offshore winds lower than normal river depths, and an early freeze up, the barge was frozen-in about 90 miles from the bulk plant.

This left St. Mary's tanks near empty with normal delivery possible only after the river breaks up, about the end of May.

The St. Mary's bulk plant serves the essential needs of this Village and a portion of the needs for three surrounding villages. Without its winter supply of fuel, this became a disaster area.

Standard Oil Co. was able to locate a 50,000 gallon bladder tank, "from their North Slope operation", necessary hoses and

pumps, and made them ready for shipment to the disaster area.

With the cooperation of the State Division of Aviation, a site was selected adjacent to the St. Mary's airport.

Central Construction Company, who has been working at the airport the past two years, offered one of their buildings for a temporary office.

Alaska International Air was contacted to satisfy the only means of transport.

Standard's St. Mary's Wholesale Distributor Patrick Beans Sr. and Sheppard Trading Post agent Larry Budde interrupted a basketball game at the Mission and organized a willing local crew, prepared the tank storage area, and made ready to assemble the emergency facilities.

Under the direction of Standard's Marketing Manager George Kent, Engineer Frank Stratton, and Head Maintenance Mechanic Ed Hocking, the ten hour installation was completed and made ready to receive fuel.

The temporary storage was then filled by shuttling fuel via AIA Hercules from Anchorage and Bethel.

Another example of Alaskans helping Alaskans.

Fires Destroy School and Store in Villages

- Protection Equipment Still Lacking

By MARILYN RICHARDS

"The highest rate of loss (property and life) in the nation

Bauman, Frank Join Doyon

Doyon, Limited, regional Native corporation of the Interior, has added two staff members to its Fairbanks office, filling the positions of assistant accountant and administrative assistant to the president.

Donna Frank, formerly of Ft. Yukon, will become assistant accountant for Doyon, Limited, effective January 14.

Margie Bauman, a photo-journalist associated with the Tundra Times, is the newly appointed administrative assistant to Doyon president John C. Sackett.

are in our villages," said Fairbanks Fire Chief Dan Cohen in a recent Tundra Times story on bush fire protection.

Evidence supporting Cohen's statement was seen when two separate fires hit two villages. The struggling efforts of the villagers of St. Michaels and Deering were in vain because lack of adequate fire protection equipment and proper training made them unlucky victims of unavoidable loss.

The fires totally destroyed a school at Deering December 29, and the Northern Commercial Store at St. Michael January 3. No injuries were reported in either fire.

The Deering fire completely engulfed a building which housed a State Operated School, the teacher's residence, a warehouse and generator. State Trooper Lyle Haugven, stationed in Kotzebue, said the cause of the fire was accidental. The building's oil line was frozen and was

apparently in the process of being thawed.

Deering is a village of about fifty people on the Kotzebue Sound. All they had to combat the blaze were shovels and snow. The villagers managed to save a nearby residence and another small building also used as a classroom.

The school served grades one through eight. A damage estimate has not been released yet.

The Northern Commercial Store at St. Michaels was also a total loss with an estimated \$250,000 in damage. Store manager George Walter said the fire apparently was started by a short circuit in the store's attic.

St. Michaels along with ninety per cent of Alaska's villages, does not have any fire fighting equipment. The residents battled the blaze with 24 hand-carried extinguishers. Two nearby homes were blistered by the heat from the blaze.