



POINT HOPE MASKS—As in many other villages, Point Hope people make masks but the material is quite different from some of those in other localities, Point Hopers use whale bones, usually, that had been buried underground for many years and colored brown, gray or yellow. The bones are put out in the weather to dry thoroughly. The men carve them into happy faces as well as fierce or incredulous. The masks are usually carved by the men although some women have made them. Eyes of fresh bone or ivory are inserted. The iris is usually made from the black baline of bowhead whales the village hunts each spring. The masks in the pictures are made from vertebrae. The men also carve ivory items and few of the men make baline baskets which are always on demand.

—DIGNA JOHNSON Photograph

FREIGHTING RACE

Sled dog freighting race during the running of the North American Sled Dog Championship Races is becoming a popular yearly event in Fairbanks. The race is known as the "Walter Jewel-Maurice O'Leary Memorial Gold Poke Frieghting Race."

The race is slated to begin on March 15 and again March 16 during the Women's North American Sled Dog Championship Races. The overall distance will be 10 miles on each of the two days.

The number of dogs will be no less than five nor more than seven. According to Roger Burgraf of the Alaska Dogmushers' Association, the dogs pulling the freight sled can be of any size.

That means Huskies, Malamutes, St. Bernards, German Police dogs, Mexican Chihuahuas, etc.

The payload of each frieghting racer will be 100 pounds per dog in which a 5-dog team will pull 500 pounds and 7-dog team, 700 pounds.

Judges to inspect loads for the proper wieght prior to and after each heat and they will have final word on lashings, etc.

Each team must return from every heat with the same dogs with which it started. These dogs must be either in harness attached to the towline, tied to the sled or in the sled.

Any dog that collapses on the trail must be immediately placed in the sled. Adequate provisions for carrying a dog, or dogs, must be provided.

The anticipated purse for the freighting race is expected to be \$600 to \$1,000 in gold nuggets.

Those who wish to know more about the rules may contact E.J. McLean or Roger C. Burgraff, Alaska Dogmushers' Association, Box 1212, Fairbanks 99701.

All those who wish to participate in the race are asked to please notify the above men named immediately.

Ignored Too Long—Stevens Says More Land Needed

Alaska's Senior Senator Ted Stevens said before the Federal Field Committee last week that he has read the report called "Alaska Natives and the Land" and that he thought the report was well-documented and provides a good framework for future discussion leading to the resolution of this problem.

He further said that he has not had the opportunity to discuss this report with the individual and groups affected and that he is unwilling to endorse any of its recommendations at this time.

Stevens said the report is generous in terms of money compensation but under-states the importance of land in Alaska.

First Nationwide—Sec. Hickel Announces Indian Police Training

Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced the creation of a pilot training program for Indian policemen.

Training will take place at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Roswell Employment Training Center, operated by the Thiokol Chemical Corp., at Roswell, N.M.

"This program will improve the basic skills of policemen serving Indian areas and thereby increase protection given Indian citizens. It also will help improve efficiency in the wide range of public service activities traditionally performed by police officers," Hickel said.

The first class of 40 will begin the nine-week training program March 2, he said. Trainees will be men with at least six months experience as tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs policemen who have potential for development as career officers.

Thiokol, which has corporate offices in Bristol, Pa., will conduct the program under a \$40,000 Bureau of Indian Affairs contract.

"Indian communities deserve and need basic protection under our laws," Hickel said, "and well trained policemen are essential to that job. Further, the policeman is the most visible symbol of government at the local level. How well he performs his job

determines in many respects how much trust and confidence a citizen has in his government."

Hickel noted that Thiokol has gained valuable experience in Indian adult education in the operation of the Employment Training Center at Roswell and "this combination of private and Government initiative is an efficient and effective way to meet these pressing needs."

At present there are 550 members of the Indian Police Service, which consists of Bureau and tribal enforcement officers serving 280,000 Indian people on 83 reservations. On some reservations law enforcement is a state responsibility.

"The scattered populations and rugged terrain on many reservations make it imperative that we have the best trained men using the most modern equipment and techniques, if we are to get the job done properly," Hickel said.

Additional classes may be scheduled after a review of the results of the first session, he said. The new program is the first of its kind to be tried on a nationwide basis by BIA.

Poetry is man's rebellion against what he is.

—JAMES BRANCH CABELL

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

—JAMES BRANCH CABELL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S OPENING UNDER EDA GRANT UNDER AFN

The Kuskokwim-Yukon Planning and Development Regional Board is seeking applications for a staff Economic, Planning, and Development Field Representative to be located in Bethel.

His duties will be to conduct research and technical studies in planning and development work in Census Districts 16, 17, and 24. His job will involve public relation work with the villages and Governmental authorities in the area. He will organize, execute and recommend to his Board of Directors courses of action on special projects. He should study and review all public programs such as highways, port development, public works, airport development, school locations and military installations work to coordinate these efforts towards the overall economic benefit of the Region.

He should be knowledgeable or educationally capable of learning modern planning principals and practices. He should have a capability to learn and understand social and economic problems and principal of engineering, architectural and public administration. He must be able to work independently with minimum of supervision conducting research. He must be able to communicate information pertinent to his job assignment in a clear, concise form either orally, written or a graphic form.

The following things will be considered of primary importance:

1. The ability to converse and communicate in the Yupik or Ingalik language.
2. Ability to understand the social and cultural structure of Eskimo society and village and their organization structures.
3. Length of continuous residency in and familiarity with the area and the villages of the area.
4. Must be able to relocate or reside in Bethel, Alaska if hired.

If interested, forward resume of education and work experience to the Alaska Federation of Natives, Attn: Fred Selkregg, Economic Development Coordinator, 1689 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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