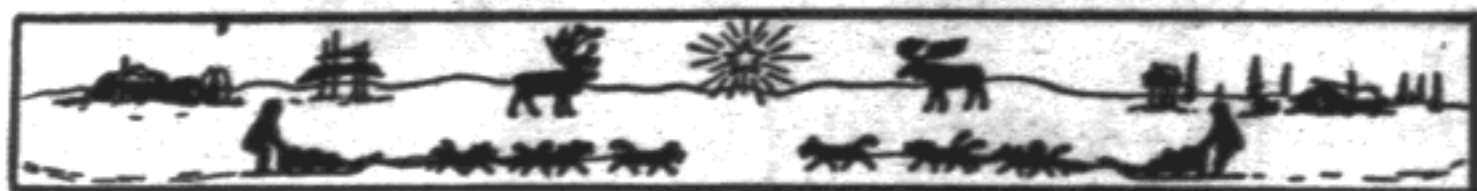


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## Editorial—

# Better Prepare for Next Year's Land Push

The land claims legislation in Congress of the United States this year has dimmed and all concerned had better start making preparations for a truly concerted effort to have a measure passed next year.

Considerable experience in pushing for a measure this year has been gained and for next year's effort, whatever has been learned should be applied to its fullest effectiveness. Whatever mistakes were made in the effort should be remembered and better approaches made in their stead.

There should be many questions asked as to why this year's effort fell short. Were there brakes applied in the complex mechanisms of the legislative halls? If so, who made them? Did our congressional delegation make full use of its powers? There should be many, many more questions asked, and, soon.

Preparations for next year's push should be made right away. This had better be of first priority in whatever agendas our native leaders will be drawing up.

The preparation should, perhaps, begin next week at the brief land claims hearings to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 11 and 12. Perhaps the hearings will be for that reason but if no one has thought of them as such, they should be. A nail driven in the foundation for next year's effort will not hurt. It may be the start of a firm base from which to build.

The Alaska Federation of Natives will be meeting next October in Fairbanks. This statewide native organization has built up considerable influence in the affairs of Alaska and which rubs off on the national level. It is a fine vehicle from which good, sound ideas can spring. Our native leaders have, and should, make good use of it and without selfishness.

Perhaps next October's conference can be the refining center for plans to push for just solution to the land claims. Ways to educate congressional members on the land situation in Alaska should be one of the urgent aims of our people. How can this be done? It must be done and ways to do it must be found.

The push for next year's land legislation in Congress, we feel, is the most urgent target to aim toward. Familiarization of what it is all about to those who will work on it can not be stressed too far. It's a big assignment but we have trust in our native leaders. There is talent among them. Let us press this talent and draw from it the best ways of approach to the hard task at hand.

## Gov't. Should Cooperate with Private Sector Says Gravel

FAIRBANKS—The problems facing America and Alaska cannot all be solved by bigger government, United States Senate candidate Mike Gravel said today.

"More dependence upon Washington is not the solution to all our problems," said Gravel. "It is time we recruited the energies, experience and know-how of the American free enterprise system and used them to help solve our national problems."

Gravel said he favored a program of tax-incentives to private industry to encourage that sector to tackle the unemployment problem, the housing problem, and the welfare problem in America.

"No government in the world is better equipped than American private industry to meet this challenge," Gravel said. "The federal government should begin cooperating with the private sector instead of competing with it."

"Some gains have been made already," the candidate said. "But we need more people off welfare roles and onto job roles, and the only way to do that is to get businessmen working on the problem."

"It is up to the government to take the initiative in this matter, and to make it easy, not difficult, for private industry to participate," Gravel said.

## ACLU to Organize In Fairbanks In Late July

Alaska will soon be the 40th state to have an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. Fairbanks citizens are spear-heading the organizational drive.

A general membership meeting is slated for Fairbanks in late July, and chapters in Anchorage and Juneau are also planned.

The ACLU has fought since 1920 to preserve and strengthen the freedoms guaranteed to Americans by the Constitution, and was commended for its work by Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower.

It is a non-partisan organization whose members come from a wide range of racial, religious and political backgrounds and agree only in their strong belief that everyone, without exception, is entitled to all his constitutional rights.

Fairbanks area residents interested in the defense of civil liberties are invited to join the ACLU.

Information and membership applications can be obtained from the interim membership committee: Rex G. Fisher, Arthur E. Hippler, Millard F. Ingraham, Charles H. Parr, and Rene Richard.

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## Letters to the Editor

United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

July 2, 1968

Editor  
Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Most newspapers in Alaska, including the Tundra Times, recently carried a letter from Gil Serrano of Anchorage stating in part that "The Alaska Young Democrats requested Gruening and Gravel to debate at their convention on July 13. Gravel accepted, Gruening refused. Gruening has no real reason to refuse, and gave none."

For the record let it be known that the Alaska Young Democrats have never asked Senator Gruening to debate with Mike Gravel. As it happens, the date of July 13, which Mr. Serrano mentioned, would be impossible because Senator Gruening will be in Washington at that time hearing testimony on the Alaska Native land claims bills as a member of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Mr. Serrano in his letter also seeks to make much of the fact that Senator Gruening has not signed something called the Fair Campaign Practices Pledge.

Those who know Senator Gruening and have witnessed his successful election campaigns of 1956, 1958 and 1962 know that his campaigning has always been above question in method and in content.

Let those who need to take the pledge do so!

Sincerely yours,  
George Sundborg

3307½ Spenard Road  
Anchorage, Alaska  
June 26, 1968

The Honorable  
Walter J. Hickel  
Governor of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Hickel,

I can no longer sit tight and keep my conscience passive in regards to your recent move against the sale of unprocessed fish to the Japanese freezer in Bethel, Alaska.

As a native of the Bethel area, I know the conditions in which the people there strive to make a living to better their living standards. The acuteness of the problem of failing to meet our financial needs in wintertime is especially critical during summertime when the people have an opportunity to remedy that situation without having to divert to welfare assistance from the State or Federal Governments.

I don't know the provisions of the International North Pacific Fishermen's Treaty. However, it has been indicated in the newspapers that the Japanese freezer ship is planning to go to Kotzebue Sound to buy the unprocessed fish there, as it has done in the past. It appears to me that the Treaty has been violated from the first time the freezer loaded the unprocessed fish in Kotzebue Sound.

Here are a number of questions that we, the natives, would like to get answers to:

1. Why you waited to make your move against the Japanese intervention until ASCAP (not as a separate government entity) had drawn up a legitimate contract with the Japanese to buy the unprocessed fish;

2. Whether your Enterprises have any current financial interests in the buying of the unprocessed fish from Bethel; and

3. Why you indicated that the legal base for your move against the freezer was the violation of the Treaty, with no specific answers given in reference to the provisions of the Treaty, but which on the other hand was termed as "transaction of normal trade" and not a violation to the Treaty by the State Department.

It is my belief that the duty of the State Government is to ensure the well-being of all of its people. That duty should be enhanced by the provisions of assistance to soften the economic effects of unemployment or from any unsound decisions made by the officials of the State Government that would result in diversion of the people to welfare assistance. It appears to me, that, from your point of view, your previous action was emphatically the provision and the duty of the State Government to disregard the sole purpose of the Kuskokwim cooperative which, in the future, will have positive effects on the economic development of the Bethel area, if the cooperative is not dissolved due to lack of working capital.

It can require no argument to prove that the circumstances that had developed within the organization of the Kuskokwim cooperative which led to the formulation of the contract with Japan, were due to lack of efficient handling of the unprocessed

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