

# Muktuk Leads to Food Study . . .

very low for that type of test." Frith could not give statistics on any other form of meat, fish, or fowl. The state has never tested smoked salmon that is sold in chain grocery stores, nor certain varieties of raw foods

## Native Fighters . . .

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Huntington as line boss and Roger Huntington and Barney Attla as division bosses. The only support was one helicopter and a B-25.

"The manning of this fire, being used as an experimental program, has proved that the native people are capable of managing and directing operations in the fire-fighting field," stated John Sackett, president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

"For years the BLM has been sending formally educated persons up to Alaska, hired on a seasonal basis, and there is no reason that with the experience that our people have through years of fire-fighting why they cannot perform equally and above these outside employees.

"It is my sincere desire to see that the Bureau of Land Management change their hiring practices for seasonal employees in the future so that more of our capable native persons will be employed."

## Many Gifts . . .

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ter Shop — personalized stationery; Pay and Save — electric rollers; Interior Airways — \$25 cash; Market Basket — case of Coke; Sewing Loft — Stretch and Sew book; B&W Disco — watch; J Vic Brown — \$5.00 gift certificate; Jean's Fabric \$15.00 gift certificate; Gladys Morris — perfume; Owl Tree — \$10.00 gift certificate; Shoe Mart — gift certificate; Earl Moratzka, Fairbanks, Alaska — \$1.00; Mukluk Shop — red parka; Pan Am — 15 gifts for all contestants; Wien Consolidated — trip to see Governor or anywhere Wien flies; Nerland's — necklace; Alaska House — 2 Fejes prints; Paint Pot — \$25 gift certificate; The Music Mart — \$25 gift certificate; Borealis Book Store — \$10 gift certificate; Perdue's Jewelry — gold nugget cross; Mt. McKinley Savings Bank — \$25 Savings Account; Alaska National Bank — \$25 Savings Account; Hoitt's Music Shop — \$25 gift certificate; National Bank of Alaska — \$50 Savings Bond; Pic-A-Dilly Wigs — \$25 gift certificate; KTVF-KFRB — copy of taped queen program interview; The Tape Bin — \$21 gift certificate; Daily News Miner — color portrait; Gold Pan Trading Post — \$10 gift certificate; College Flower — 1 dozen carnations; Flower Basket — 1 dozen carnations; House of Flower & Gift — 1 dozen red roses; Alaska Flower & Gift — 6 red roses.

Prizes offered in the Native Baby Contest were given by: Penney's — stuffed toy mole; Lad's & Lasses — toy; Carousel — white jacket; Woolworth's — game; NC Company — \$5 gift certificate; Safeway — gift certificate; Betty Claire Toy Shop — stuffed toy; Nelson's Photo Supply — black & white picture of baby; Alaska State Bank — \$25 Savings Bond; 1st National Bank — \$25 Savings Bond.

The Queen will be judged in Native costume and must be of at least one-quarter Native blood. She will be crowned on Friday evening, July 28, during the games.

The Native baby and its mother must also be in authentic Native costumes and will be selected on Saturday, July 29. The Games will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m., July 27-28-29.

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available in local and state restaurants, such as raw fish served in Japanese restaurants, raw oysters, or a rare steak that can be had at just about any fine restaurant.

He explained the lack of standards to apply in the case of muktuk was not one of planned discrimination but of an unprecedented situation that had never before arisen.

Dr. Frith met with the entire Tundra Times staff to discuss the problems involved. "How do we get the government to correct the inequity that exists," he asked, "and I admit that one exists."

He recommended a six month or more testing program of not only muktuk, but ALL Native foods, so that new regulations could be formulated to cover any possible situation.

Tundra Times suggested that this program be extended to cover Alaskan foods, not Native only, taking into account the wild game and field dressing that is necessary in the procurement of such game.

An All-Alaskan dinner sponsored by a community club in Fairbanks last week was seeking donations of moose, caribou, etc. This is precisely the kind of situation not covered at the present time and is not a Native problem alone.

However, Tundra Times made it clear that if foods with an equal coliform count are now being served in other parts of the state it is blatantly unfair to single out Native foods and regulate solely against them.

After an intensive discussion, it was decided that Tundra Times would not sell the muktuk at the fair. Under present regulations, it is legal to GIVE it away and ask for donations.

Howard Rock, Tundra Times editor said "I think we will retain our booth and offer the muktuk for donations only."

"I think it's a real good idea to have our Native foods tested for quality. That could be a very good step for Native people as a whole. They can take pride in their foods."

Dr. Frith set aside the week of August 5th for his office to work with a committee selected by the Tundra Times to act as an advisory group on Native food

preparation and to present the Natives views on the issue.

Dr. Frith said he would go on record as saying: "I oppose the way we are set up now and I think there should be a change of standards."

He pledged to commit his regional office to the development of a program of testing and standard evaluations to be used in the future as guidelines that would hopefully open up the state to full appreciation of its heritage of Native foods.

Tundra Times "itinerant restaurant" may be temporary, but what endures long after the fair is over may affect food regulations in the state for a long time to come.

## Mallott . . .

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state, studying existing and proposed laws as to their effect on such areas, coordinating state activities having an impact on community and regional affairs, and serving as staff to the Local Boundary Commission and the Rural Affairs Commission.

In making the appointment, Egan cited Mallott's work as Local Affairs Agency director and said the new commissioner "has an outstanding background and relationship with municipal leadership throughout the state, both in urban and rural areas, and has an excellent grasp of community and regional needs."

Egan said the new department "will provide a coordinated effort and better organization for meeting these important needs."

Mallott joined the Egan administration as local affairs director in January 1971. Before that he headed the Rural Alaska Community Action Program and had served as a special assistant to Alaska Senator Mike Gravel.

Mallott was born in Yakutat and has served as mayor there. He graduated from Sheldon Jackson Junior College in 1961 and then attended West Washington State College, studying political science.

He has served as a member of the Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors, and as Alaska area vice president for the National Congress of American Indians.

## Chugach Natives . . .

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of Cordova, Valdez and Seward, and the villages of English Bay, Port Graham and Tatitlek, Barnes will have the major task of minding the store until the fishing season is over.

Most members of the board of the regional corporation are commercial fishermen and the short fishing season is their major, perhaps only, source of income. Fishing, indeed, is the major occupation of the region's Natives, with construction placing a poor second.

Outside help is brought in to do the construction work on highways and other state and private projects in the area. About 30 per cent of the Natives depend on subsistence living, but Barnes estimates the average income for a family of four at about \$10,000.

What is needed, he says, is better housing, better jobs and better transportation.

Still, "we want the Secretary of the Interior to recognize material sites for new highway development as a property right of Native people," he said. Until the Natives have made their land selections, there should be no highway building, even though the Interior Department has the legal right to withdraw land as

right-of-way for highways, he said.

Cataloging the activities of federal agencies in areas of land use planning is another problem for Barnes to keep a hard eye on, he notes. The state-Federal Land Use Planning Commission, with Alaska Federation of Natives executive director Harry Carter as its only Native member, will undoubtedly have a strong effect on future use of much of Alaska.

Working with Barnes on some of the immediate problems is the region's attorney, Clark Gruening of Anchorage, and officers Walter Meganack of Port Graham, George Allen of Tatitlek and Ethim Moonin of Port Graham.

Eventually, Barnes said, the region may undertake a housing program, but aside from participation in the federal Turnkey 3 project, there are no present plans to build improved housing.

Much of the struggle of land selection and other area problems of organization will have to wait, however, until the fish nets are hauled in this summer.

# Student Loans--

## To Be on Basis of Need

Colleges and universities may begin processing student loan applications on the basis of need instead of "adjusted family income," it was announced today by William E. McLaughlin, Regional Commissioner, U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Region X, Seattle.

New regulations regarding student eligibility for Federal interest benefits under the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, as required by the Education Amendments of 1972, have been approved and are effective immediately.

The law, signed by the President, requires a student's college or other post-secondary school to determine how large a loan he actually needs to cover educational expenses.

The determination of need is submitted to the lender as a recommendation for a loan. This is regarded as the most significant change in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program brought about by the 1972 amendments.

Prior to the new law, the Federal Government paid the interest for any student whose "adjusted family income" was less than \$15,000, until the loan was due for repayment.

(Generally speaking, a family with three dependent children and an income of \$20,000 probably would have an adjusted family income of less than \$15,000.)

Effective July 1, 1972, the Federal Government will pay interest on loans made to students whose educational institution so recommends on the basis of Office of Education guidelines.

## Agnew . . .

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Center.  
Agnew will not be present at the Fairbanks meeting but discussed several aspects of the agenda with Mrs. Bergt and hopes to attend a future meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. in August. The August meeting will be the last time the present council meets before expiration of their term.

Also present at the personal interview were Mrs. Agnew, Neil Bergt, and the Bergt's 11 year old son Michael, who had just come from baseball practice and was still in uniform.

Asked if Agnew and Michael had discussed matters of state, Mrs. Bergt said, "No, just baseball."

The one remaining member of the group was a six-week old husky puppy named Hero, presented to Agnew at the luncheon by Jim Lundgren of the Alaska Dog Musers Association.

Although purported to be untrained as yet, the Alaskan pup showed a great deal of political sophistication and pulled no public blunders.

## Olympics . . .

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and 29 — beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Admission is three dollars for adults and two for children under twelve.

Chairman Tom Drake and co-chairman Charlie Moses promise an unequalled performance of athletic contests, including the high-kick, ear pull, blanket toss, knuckle hop, and other exciting and unusual games.

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