

Now Look Here, Sir—

AAIA's I. McKay Gives AFN \$2500

Ilf McKay, Associate Director of the Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc. of New York, pleasantly stunned the delegates of the Alaska Federation of Natives at its annual conference in Anchorage last Saturday. McKay is an Indian.

"The Association has authorized me to give to you \$2,500 to help to defray your operating expenses," McKay told the audience. "The check will be forthcoming soon."

As soon as he said it, there was an audible gasp and then the delegates broke into a spontaneous applause.

Leading up to the announcement, McKay had frankly pointed out parts of the amended constitution which he thought might be improved by more appropriated language.

"I was beginning to feel a

little edgy why that fellow was criticizing our constitution," said one of the delegates, laughing. "He can criticize us anytime for \$2,500."

Ilf McKay said earlier that he had come to the conference "just to help." He said his association was interested in the protection of the lands for the native people.

"Any time if you need help in any way, don't hesitate to call on us," he said.

He said, however, that the AAIA would not furnish any help in legal matters and that he wished to quiet any qualms Alaska lawyers might have on this matter.

He told the delegates that they had a fine thing going in the formation of the state-wide federation and to make it work "each one of you should be an idea factory."

Something About University of Alaska that Californians Like

There's just something about going to college in Alaska that Californians must like.

For the third year in a row, California is represented at the University of Alaska with almost twice as many students as any other state outside Alaska.

Statistics from the university's registrar's office show that 50 California students have registered for classes at the UA this year. Washington state is second with 29 students. New York and New Jersey have sent 22 students each.

Enrollment figures show that 362 out-of-state students represent 46 states at the university. Last year, 355 students came from 43 states.

Total enrollment dipped slightly this year to 1,847 students. Last year's total was 1,879. The enrollment dip was seen by university

officials as a possible effect of the mid-August Interior Alaska floods.

Of 104 Alaskan communities represented at the university, Fairbanks has the largest delegation—530 students. Anchorage is next with 204.

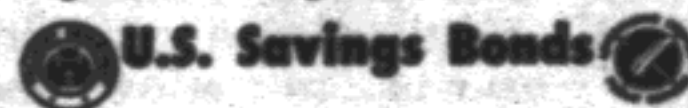
Other community totals are: Juneau, 52; Kodiak, 17; Sitka, 18; Palmer, 20; Wasilla, 10; Wrangell, 8; Petersburg, 4; Ketchikan, 17; and Delta, 15.

Forty-one foreign students also enrolled. They represent Australia, Austria, Canada, Nationalist China, Denmark, England, Germany, India, Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sweden. Last year's foreign student total was 36.



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Canada Builds Pre-fab Houses For Its Natives

Special to the TUNDRA TIMES
By BETZI WOODMAN

Canada's Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has awarded a contract for \$1,197,000 for 234 pre-fabricated houses.

Part of an Eskimo Rental Housing program which calls for a total of 1,600 rental houses, these 234 are the second of a series of shipments to northern communities.

The first 194 homes built under the program were completed in 1966 to provide adequate housing for about half the Eskimo population of Baffin Island.

Of the 234 houses, 214 will be rental units destined for a total of 18 different communities in the Baffin and Keewatin regions of the Arctic District of the Northwest Territories.

The remaining 20 will serve as welfare houses in areas which will not immediately be served by the rental program.

Speaking of the rental housing program, Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing said:

"A rental house will not tie down the head of a family. Whether they earn a living in wage employment, as independent hunters or a combination of both, people of the North should be free to move to where the work is."

The houses will come in two different three-bedroom designs, both providing for an equal amount of living space—700 square feet. Delivery was to have been completed by mid-July so that assembly could be accomplished by cold weather.

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Group Backs Elmer Rasmuson for Sen.

The formation of an organizing committee composed of 147 Alaskans from all parts of the state to support Anchorage Republican Elmer Rasmuson for the United States Senate in next year's election was announced last Thursday by two well known Republicans.

Mrs. George Hutton and Jack H. White, both of Anchorage, issued a statement on behalf of the "Friends of Elmer Rasmuson Committee" setting forth the purpose of the group. The statement reads as follows:

"We believe that Alaska stands today on the verge of unprecedented progress and economic development.

"We believe a vital ingredient of this progress to be a United States senator with the vision to perceive Alaska's role in the family of Pacific Nations, and the ability to help Alaska fulfill that role through dynamic team work between federal, state and local governments.

"We believe the challenges of the high office of United States senator for Alaska require a man of wide accomplishment, broad knowledge of the state and its people and deep conviction and dedication.

"We believe Elmer Rasmuson possesses these qualifications in a high degree.

"And we therefore pledge ourselves to build a legion of Alaskans to accomplish three goals: First, to demonstrate to Elmer Rasmuson that he has broad-based state-wide support which we believe exists for his candidacy for the United States Senate.

Second, to provide a focal point for this support.

"And third, to provide a

means whereby this support may be directed and broadcast for the purpose of informing every citizen of Alaska of the background and qualifications of Elmer Rasmuson.

"To these ends we hereby organize under the title of "Friends of Elmer Rasmuson Committee."

"We believe the election of Elmer Rasmuson would constitute a giant step forward for the State of Alaska, and we invite every Alaskan to join our ranks."

Mrs. Hutton and Mr. White will head the committee as co-chairmen. Both are long-time active Republicans.

Mrs. Hutton, a housewife, has served in numerous party posts and has long been active in GOP women's affairs. White, a former member of the Alaska House of Representatives, operates his own real estate business and is presently a member of Governor Walter Hickel's NORTH Commission.

According to White, "The friends of Elmer Rasmuson committee was conceived by members of the organizing committee as the best means to accomplish our stated purpose. We are opening today a small office in Anchorage at 519 West Eight Avenue." The office will be staffed full-time White said.

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