

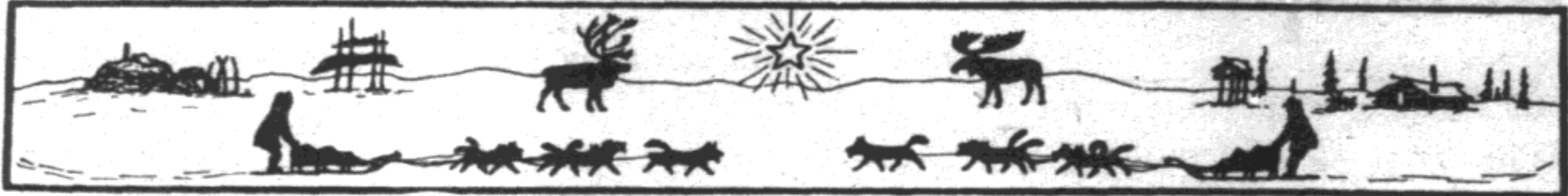
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Gravel Discredits Group Lawyers as Spokesmen For Organizations

Senator Mike Gravel has appealed to the native people of Alaska to achieve a strong unified position in presenting proposals for a land claims settlement to Congress. "We have got to get a strong stand from one, united native association," the Alaska Democrat told Tundra Times.

"As long as the natives think in terms of regional organization attorneys for their spokesmen, they are not going to be listened to," Gravel warned.

"This is a small state with a small population. A strong statewide native association would carry a lot more weight than ten or twelve native associations," he said.

The Senator felt that the retention of Justice Arthur Goldberg as general counsel for the Alaska Federation of Natives would strengthen the possibilities of a liberal settlement from Congress.

"I think the prestige of his reputation will translate itself into a more liberal settlement. In my point of view, I think his position will translate itself into at least another \$100 million

for the native cause," Gravel said.

Gravel stated that the Justice would be completely divorced from setting any fees in representing Alaska natives.

"It will be written into legislation that the fees will be established by somebody else rather than the attorneys and their clients," he said.

When asked whether AFN proposals for a claims settlement could result in a backlash from members of Congress Gravel stated, "I don't think so. I think the people in Congress fully expect the natives to ask for all that they want, and properly so."

"The problem here," he said, "is to achieve the most liberal settlement. Some members may not see it the same way as many of us in Alaska do. I think this

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OOGROK HARVEST—This is the time of the year the Eskimo hunters begin to harvest the big seal, oogruk, or the bearded seal. The hunt for this marine animal goes on around the Bering and Chukchi Sea coasts as well as the Arctic coast. Picture shows a harvest of four oogruks taken by hunters from Kotzebue from the Kotzebue Sound. Along with its meat, the oogruk is a use-

ful animal to the Eskimos. The skin is used for mukluk soles. Stretched and dried thoroughly, oogruk skin is a durable sole. Skins sewn together with a special waterproof stitch are used for covering of the skinboats of the Eskimos.

—Wien Consolidated Airlines Photo by FRANK WHALEY

Locke Resigning Anchorage Welcome Center Post

Mrs. Patricia Locke, who has been administrator and director of the Anchorage Native Welcome Center since it opened its doors in the winter of 1968, has reluctantly notified the Board of Directors the Executive Director's post will be vacated June 30. Mrs. Locke told the Board her increased activity on behalf of Indian education and related programs at the national level requires extensive travel away from the Anchorage area. This project now requires so much time Mrs. Locke said she feels that, in the best interests of

the Native Welcome Center, a new Director should be appointed.

In a letter of resignation to the Board, Mrs. Locke stated: "The challenge and opportunity presented in the establishment and initial development of the Anchorage Native Welcome Center has been both a difficult and rewarding experience. Recently I have been forced to decide where my personal effort in the general movement for selfdirection and full participation in development planning for America's original residents

would best be applied. "My specialized education is related to elementary schooling for Indian children. There seems to be a limited number of Indian people who are presently working in this field.

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Alice Brown Declares Lawyer Turns Kenaitze Against A. Goldberg

A STATEMENT
By ALICE E. BROWN

I was the Kenaitze Indian Association's representative on the Alaska Federation of Natives Board for the last three years up until Friday, May 23, 1969. It has been rewarding, not in a material way but in many other ways. It has been great. Our leadership can compare favorably with any in the World. In unselfish dedication, in hard work against almost insurmountable odds, in faith in one another and all our people, in working with all fair-minded people, in dignity and respect for one another's views, in every way. It has been a wonderful education.

There has been quite a bit written in the local newspapers about the attorney-client relationship in the native land claims and especially the Alaska Federation of Natives Board meetings on May 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1969.

Mr. Boyko walked out in anger when we called for an executive session which would exclude everyone but the Natives. This was on Saturday, May 17, 1969. We had to have an executive session in order to hear what our delegation had learned at the Washington, D.C. hearings and also their impressions and recommendations regarding Mr. Goldberg.

After this was accomplished a motion to accept Mr. Goldberg's resignation failed on a 10-10 vote. Then we passed a motion asking

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Wright: AFN Steering Group Not Organized

By DONALD R. WRIGHT
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TO: ALL ALASKA NATIVES

Who is Goldberg? What does he know of the Alaska natives? What will he do for us?

A steering committee to negotiate for national counsel was selected by the Alaska Federation of Natives president Mr. Emil Notti, Mr. John Borbridge, 1st vice president; Mr. Eben Hopson, 2nd vice president; Mr. Willy Hensley, Northwest Native

Association; and Mr. Flore Lekano, president of the Aleut League, along with Emil Notti. The steering committee was instructed with Mr. Goldberg to represent the AFN.

Mr. Goldberg immediately associated the firm of Kuchel in Washington, D.C. and instructed Mr. Greenfield to retain Mr. Weinberg to prepare a position for the AFN to present to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee hearing to be held April 29 and 30, 1969. Time was short.

President Emil Notti decided

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The Budget Bureau Postpones Hearings

The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has advised Congressman Howard Pollock that it has postponed departmental hearings on the native

land claims bill Pollock introduced for the second time.

Hearings were scheduled for last Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3-4.

"I am told," Pollock said, "that the postponement was made necessary because certain information which the Bureau of the Budget had requested from the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture on provisions of the bill had not yet been provided to the Budget Bureau."

Congressman Pollock said that it appears that once this information is made available departmental hearings can be rescheduled on a very short notice. "Once the new date had been set by the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, I will make certain that you are informed," Pollock said.

"Needless to say," he continued, "I am greatly disappointed at the continuing delay in holding those hearings and concerned that any future postponement may make it more difficult to schedule timely field hearings on the bill in Alaska this summer."

"You may be sure that I will do all within my capabilities to see that the hearings on H.R. 10193 will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date so that there will be hearings in Alaska soon."