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# ASPINALL THREATENS TO BLOCK LAND BILL

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(August) The Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement bill reported out of the Indian Affairs Sub-

committee of the House Interior Committee last week faces a danger of being killed before reaching the floor of the house. Informed sources close to the Interior Committee report that

the legislation, the product of a compromise carefully engineered within the committee by Alaska congressman Nick Begich, won only conditional endorsement from Interior Chairman Wayne

Aspinall (D-Colo.). The danger facing the legislation is that Aspinall may cancel the five days of executive session which he scheduled for the full committee in mid-

September. This action would upset the critical timing necessary to bring the bill to the house floor this session. Reportedly, Aspinall will re-

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# AFN STUDIES NEW LAND BILL



BETHEL WATERFRONT—The sea wall that protects Bethel from the Kuskokwim gave way last week in a two day storm leaving the main area of town virtually unprotected. The Corps of Engineers estimates it would cost \$4 million

to build a new one and that the property is not worth it. Buildings in the area are private property and the city doesn't have the money to do the job. Solution: wait and see.

—Photo by LAEL MORGAN

**Just Wait and See—**

## City of Bethel Washing Away

BETHEL—The town of Bethel is moving, going down river. Last week the seawall which protects the downtown area from the Kuskokwim washed out in two sections and now the waterfront is going, too, leaving great gaping holes on the main street.

"I have to drive three miles now to get to the Post Office," laments Peter Guinn who lives only a few blocks away from it. "It's not quite that bad, really,

I exaggerate. But you do have to detour and drive carefully."

"That's no place for Volkswagens," shrugged Dave Moore, a Bethel Heights resident. "They fall through the cracks."

There's little that can be done about it at this point, according to Dave Webb, city manager.

"The problem is that it's all privately owned land and the Corp of Engineers maintains it would cost more to protect than it's worth."

Last fall the wall was damaged. (Continued on page 6)

**Also Storage Fees—**

## Villages Impose Landing Fees

Venetie and Arctic Village have hung out a "No Trespassing" sign to all non-members of the Venetie-Chandalar Indian Reservation. Visitors will be required to obtain permission from the village councils, to pay landing and storage fees, abide by anti-litter laws and pay for campsites.

"Especially at Arctic Village, large companies and government agencies have increased use of the airport," Abraham Christian, acting president of the Council of Venetie, explained.

"Heavily loaded large aircrafts do damage to the airports and this requires on the part of the village increased maintenance expense. Large caches of fuel drums and other supplies are placed in various locations, causing unsightly conditions and the possibilities of contamination and large-scale littering.

"Campsites are located at the convenience of the user, without regard to wishes of the Councils

and with possibilities of littering which must be policed by someone."

According to the new ordinance, passed jointly by the

**Welcome Center**

**Hires Adam John**

The Fairbanks Native Community Center has a new Assistant Center Director. He is Mr. Adam John, a 30 year old Athapaskan Indian from the Tolovana Flats Region.

Mr. John is replacing Mrs. Clara Carroll, who will be returning to school this fall to begin her graduate work in Social Work.

Mrs. Carroll, who has been the Assistant Director for the past 2 years will be greatly remembered here; her talents and energies have kept the Center an active force in the Fair-

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Scores of Kuskokwim villagers crowded to attend the meeting held in the VFW Hall which was, ironically, decorated with palmy scenes from a tropical jungle.

Through attorney Ken Bass and interpreter Phillip Guy they learned the new bill would give them a total of \$480 million in cash assets which would equal approximately \$8,000 per Native (based on an estimated 60,000 Natives.)

It was not money but land and loopholes that interested them however.

"Barrow is entitled to at least seven townships but because of the bill's construction, only four townships can be selected because of the petroleum reserve," Bass said. "About 10 villages in the Clarence

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## Echoes of 1971 Eskimo Olympics

### Fade So We Thank All Who Helped

Now that the last of the visitors have been seen off at Fairbanks International Airport and the walrus skin has been stored until next year's blanket toss, we have time to collect our notes and say "Thank you" to all those who made the 11th Eskimo Olympics a great event.

First, of course, are the over 200 competitors and dance teams which were the best we've ever had. They came from as far North as Barrow and as far west as the Bering Sea.

Helping to fly them in was British Petroleum Company and

the Arctic Research Lab along with Don Gilbert who volunteered air fare for two queen contestants.

Wien Consolidated Airlines gave a round trip to Juneau so the queen could meet Gov. and Mrs. Egan. The Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the appearance of the Kotzebue Day School Dance Team.

Gifts came from Alaska Airline, Ernie Carter, Johnny's Express, Arctic Travelers Gift Shop, Pan American, Northward Drug, Interior Airways, Nerlands, the

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