



ESKIMO HIGH KICK—Louis Nelson, of Kotzebue, exhibits winning form during the one-legged high kick at Kotzebue's Fourth of July celebration. Other events included two-legged high kick, blanket toss, tug of war, muktuk eating, Eskimo dance, seal hooking, and Eskimo beauty competitions. Winners from several of the events will travel to Fairbanks for the 1969 World Eskimo Olympics to be held August 8 and 9.

—Photograph by DEL STANTON, Kotzebue

Kotzebue Model School Symposium July 21

A Symposium to examine a working model school at Kotzebue will be held July 21 through 25, it was announced last week by John L. Turner, special project director.

The symposium, "Operation Mobile," is being held in conjunction with the model program coordinated by the University of Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which operated the Kotzebue school. Charles E. Perry is BIA liaison officer for the program.

Turner was contracted through the university by the BIA to aid in the formation of a model by the local school board which would emphasize individual learning instead of structured learning, he said.

The symposium will include about five papers delivered by specialists in education from around the nation and will include about 60 participants.

Turner, assistant professor of education, who recently visited such a model is to allow students to learn according to their age and not the grade they should be in.

The local school board at Kotzebue will carry out the model project with Turner serving as consultant and coordinator.

He said the model is planned to cover the life span of a child from infancy to adult education. Divisions of the program would include infancy, early childhood, nursery, kindergarten, primary elementary, middle school, three years of high school, and a fourth year of high school outside the state.

The model would include integrating all existing educational services into a learning environment which would be controlled by the local school board, Turner said.

In the past the elected school board has acted in an advisory capacity to the BIA. The BIA said the school board is being asked to assume control of the program to help the school meet the needs of the community.

"We're hoping the model will provide mobility to all people going through school," Turner said. "The people in Kotzebue recognize that their young people want this mobility and they're planning for it."

Plans are to begin implementing the model this fall. Board members are William Jones, chairman, Esther Tiepelman, secretary, and Sam Barr, Jack Jones and June Nelson.

Turner said the model may be adaptable to other communities in the state if it is needed.

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Chiefs," disclosed Barry Jackson. Jackson said that negotiations with Rhyne have not been concluded.

—Alaska regional counsels had extensive meetings in Washington and agreed that the Arthur Goldberg firm take the overall responsibility for drafting the land measure.

Regional counsels have decided that they will give all the assistance they can.

—Extensive meetings have been held between the Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, Goldberg and his firm and the Alaska regional counsel.

Tasso Scott of the Rhyne law firm in Washington and a recently retired member of the Indian Claims Commission, attended the meetings of the regional counsel and the meetings with Sec. Hickel.

Barry Jackson said that Scott has the distinction of being a frequent dissenter when he served as the member of the Indian Claims Commission. Scott is considered to be the friend of the Indians.

"Everybody is cooperating once again," said Barry Jackson. "Regional counsel also agreed we should use the Tundra Times to get information out to the native people on the land claims and try to get more funds for the newspaper."

Open Air Olympics at Alaskaland, 5,000-seat Capacity Being Planned

The 1969 World Eskimo Olympics will be held in Fairbanks at Alaskaland on August 8 and 9, it was announced today by the Olympics committee. The decision was made after a meeting with Alaskaland Manager Jack Tripp.

Plans call for an outdoor arena to be set up with a seating capacity of 5000 persons. The two evenings of presentations by native dance groups and competitive games will be set aside as special "Eskimo Olympics Nights" by Alaskaland.

Col. Lincoln E. Ost, commander of Fort Wainwright near Fairbanks, was considered by the Olympics committee to be the master of ceremonies at the annual program but declined.

"I appreciate being considered for the important activity of Master of Ceremonies for the Eskimo Olympics," Col. Ost said. "However, due to the press of military business, I will be unable to accept this responsibility."

Col. Ost was singled out as being a lifelong Alaskan and who grew up around the Seward Peninsula and has wide knowledge of Alaska and the native people.

Further efforts to engage a master of ceremonies will be made by the Olympics committee.

Fishing Violation Fines Deemed Low

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Howard W. Pollock reported this week that the Department of Defense has also taken an interest in the violation of Alaskan waters by foreign fishing vessels.

The Defense Department asked that it be included in the meetings requested by Alaska's Congressman with the heads of the State, the Interior and Transportation Departments and the Attorney General, to more fully examine these violations by foreign fishing fleets and the reluctance to impose meaningful fines on those found guilty.

"The Pentagon's interest makes it clear that the seriousness of this problem is recognized not only by Alaskans but by the National administration as well," Pollock stated.

He continued, "Thus far the value of the catch taken illegally is far lower than the penalty, making fishing violations profitable rather than costly. The U.S. must move with a firmer hand in these matters, and I am confident that the time to press that point is now."

Ketzler . .

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he added.

"We have owned most of Alaska from time immemorial, but as wards of a paternalistic Federal Bureau for over a hundred years we have been effectively denied the legal tools needed to deal with our land as landowners in a capitalistic economy. While we appreciate and will continue to need government programs, especially in health and education, we want an end to wardship, and government restrictions," continued Ketzler.

"We see in a land settlement a means to this end, a means to ending poverty among our people, a means to taking our rightful place in Alaskan society, and a means of proving to the world that America will do justice to last of its aboriginal peoples still occupying their historic lands as the Alaska Oil rush forces development of America's last frontier," he concluded.

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Interest in the annual event appears to be growing. With many more villages to be heard from, Barrow, Kotzebue, Minto, and Nenana have indicated that they would like to send representatives.

Pending transportation arrangements, the villages of Point Hope and St. Mary's have also expressed a willingness to attend.

Olympics Chairman Thomas Richards, Jr., accompanied by committee members Olive Anderson and Peg Anderson, were in Minto this past weekend and met with the Minto Dance Group. The Minto Dancers were reported to be enthusiastic about competing in the Olympics.

Any villages which would be willing to send dancers, a queen contestant, or other representatives to the Olympics are requested to contact either Thomas Richards, Jr., c/o Tundra Times, or the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Relic of the Past Maybe

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

BARROW, (Special)—It's been told by our great, great grandfathers. And the whale skull is still there. I won't tell it all because I also want to use this story in my manuscript.

Whale men struck by the Eskimo and there were four floats of seal pokes. After it had struck, this whale dived and comes up on the surface near where the water pond was. Eskimos found it and killed this whale.

Now, yesterday I met one of my friends he's an Eskimo, and said to me that there is something looks like whale line they used long, long time ago. He said it's all frozen and can't peeled it off from the frozen ground.

He said to me, "I wonder if this line could be the line of this whale who has surfaced near water pond."

We do not know yet whether it's real whale line or not, but we keep an eye on this.

ICE STILL

Ice is melting very slowly here

Tanacross Freeze . . .

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cross and Mansfield.

"Most of these lands now open to entry have been and continue to be actually 'used' and 'occupied' by the natives of Tanacross, even as restrictively defined by the BLM and clearly were not open to state selection.

"Further, as attorneys for the village of Tanacross and other villages in Interior Alaska whose lands have been selected by the state, we request that you establish as state policy a rule that these villages will receive the same settlement that they would receive from the federal government, under federal legislation when adopted, were the lands of these villages still under federal control," Jackson and Fenton concluded.

Recent issues of the Tundra Times have reported the anger and concern of Chief Andrew Isaac and the Tanacross natives at the 20-year history of inaction on the Tanacross claim. The original petition seeking title to the claim area was made in November of 1950.

It sat in the Juneau Realty Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs until 1961, when it was finally filed with the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM dismissed the petition in 1962. Immediately, Tanacross filed an appeal and a national claims assertion. It was then sent to the BLM Director's Office in Washington, where it has

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The Kotzebue Chamber of Commerce notified the Olympics committee in a telegram Tuesday that it will send three contestants to compete in the games and events.

These were chosen during competitions held in Kotzebue as part of its Independence Day celebration. Miss Penny Lee was chosen Miss Kotzebue and will compete in the 1969 Miss World Olympics Contest.

Champion-High Kicker Wilfred Lane will represent Kotzebue in that event. Tommy Field won the blanket toss contest and will also attend the Olympics.

but it's melting. We do not know yet when our ice is going to move out. It won't be long now.

CARIBOU CLOSE

Heard today that caribou in herd beached down near Liz-C. And lot more are moving down pretty fast.

Weather today was so hot that flies and mosquitos fly all over town.

BOW AND ARROW RUSH

We have all kind of diggers here now after the old bow and arrows were found by one of the Eskimos here. This person sold it for at least \$200.00.

And from that day, you'll see all kinds of diggers, Eskimos and whites.

FNA Land Comm. Meets Tonight

Fairbanks Native Association's land claims committee is meeting Friday, July 11 (tonight) at 8:00 p.m. at the Hospitality House on Airport Road in Fairbanks.

All FNA members are urged to attend.

sat since.

Secretary Hickel recently received a letter from Chief Isaac which inquired as to the status of the Tanacross Claim. Hickel replied in stating that after checking with the State Division of Lands, the BLM, and the head office of the Interior Department, he could find no record of any native claim at Tanacross.

This directly conflicted with a file on Tanacross found in the Fairbanks Land Office which contains two 1950 petitions, a 1962 appeal and native rights assertion, and a 1964 blanket claim.

Despite the long history of the Tanacross claim, the state has received tentative approval or patent to 63,533 acres in the claim area and has taken action to dispose much of that.

The situation was not improved in 1964, when the state attempted to secure title and to sell vacant lots within the Tanacross village. Nor were the natives any happier when, in 1965, the state revealed plans to sell "wilderness estates" to wealthy patrons during the New York World's Fair.

Recent action to dispose more land in the claim area has brought more controversy and publicity to the Tanacross claim, and has now resulted in a request to Governor Miller to "freeze" state disposal of the lands.