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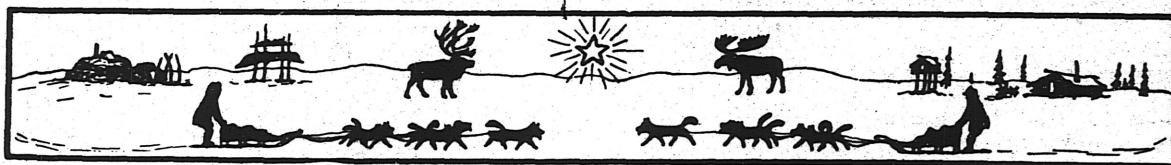
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# ARCTIC CORRIDOR PROPOSED

## Was Dazed by Combined Effects Of Medicine, Alcohol, and Cold

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A 26-year-old Tanacross man, John Paul Luke, sat up in his bed at Bassett Army Hospital yesterday, and his blackened frostbitten hands trembled.

He bit his lip and an extremely bitter expression swept over his face.

"They were more interested in getting me to jail than to the hospital," he said.

And then Luke explained further how on February 15 he had had an experience whereby his hands became frostbitten, how he had attempted to summon aid and had been turned down, and how now he was facing the amputation of some of his fingers.

According to Luke:

Early on the morning of Feb. 15 he was a passenger in a car driven by a friend, Moses Thomas, at Dot Lake. He said about a mile and half from the lodge the car went into a ditch and that he had tried to assist in pushing the car out.

Though he was wearing gloves, he said that the weather was very cold, 30 or 40 below zero, and the winds were blowing. He said after about a half hour, he thought his hands were beginning to freeze and that he started out for aid.

Previously, Luke said he had been drinking, had drank four cans of beer and three shots of whisky, but that he had not drunk enough to be drunk. He said that he had previously been to a

dentist and had been given a shot by the dentist.

Suddenly, he said, he grew extremely ill, probably as a re-

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THE WINNERS— The first three racers in the 1967 North American Championship Race were, from left, Dr. Roland Lombard, Joe Redington, and George Atla.

## Roland Lombard Wins North American Race

Dr. Roland Lombard of Wayland, Mass., won all three heats of the North American Championship Sled Dog Race last weekend for his sixth victory in the race.

Lombard's total elapsed time of 277.87 brought him \$3,000 in prize money.

In second place was Joe Redington of Flat Horn Lake, with 285.52. George Atla and Warner Vent of Huslia

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took third and fourth places, with 288.14 and 288.52 minutes respectively.

Raymond Paneak of Anaktuvuk Pass won the red lantern for placing last in the

race, with a total elapsed time of 388.23 minutes.

However, he was the only

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## Interior Department Expected To Recommend Against Dam

The Department of the Interior is expected to recommend against construction of Rampart Dam on the Yukon River.

The Interior Department report on the project is still being written, but members of Alaska's Congressional delegation were given a briefing on the report last month.

George Sundberg, administrative assistant to Sen. Ernest Gruening, said that

## BLM Prepares Plan To Stop Speculators; Public Hearings Set

The Bureau of Land Management has announced a proposal to classify 2,436,000 acres of land in a corridor leading from Livengood through Bettles and Anaktuvuk Pass to Umiat and the Sagavanirktok River.

The classification will segregate the land from all forms of settlement which leads to title transfer or patent while the State Department of Highways selects a right-of-way for a proposed road to the Arctic.

The proposal is subject to amendment, and a series of informal meetings will be held with interested groups during April. A formal public hearing will be held May 10 in Fairbanks.

The BLM said the classification was being made to prevent land speculation while the Highway Department was selecting a right of way.

As soon as the exact location is known, the classification will be modified to allow and encourage settlement and development along the right-of-way.

Claims now on record will not be affected by the proposed classification.

Bettles and Anaktuvuk Pass both lie within the corridor, and the classification could preclude expanding the villages until the final route is established.

However, the BLM adds that

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## Commission Bill Now In Hearings

Sweeping changes have been recommended during committee hearings on the the Native Affairs Commission bill.

The proposed changes involve the method of selecting commission members and setting up more concrete definitions of the formation and powers of the commission.

The bill, according to House Majority Leader Ted Stevens, is to enable the State to take

25 to 60 Natives to Washington for talks with congressmen and the Department of the Interior.

Representative John Sackett of Huslia reports that the bill is considered "urgent" in the State government, and some form of it will probably pass this session.

Although he favors the bill in principle, he told the House State Affairs Committee that it was "a poorly drafted bill."

"They must have been in a hurry," Sackett said. "They just threw everything in."

He and several other Native leaders asked that the State's Native associations have a hand in selecting the members of the commission.

John Coghill, representing the administration, said the governor would not object to selecting the commission from names provided by the Native organizations.

Sackett also recommended limiting the commission to about 25 members, which he felt would be enough to cover the entire State.

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## Interior Bill On Land Claims Expected Soon

The Interior Department has confirmed that the Department will complete drafting of legislation aimed at resolving Native land claims in six to eight weeks.

Robert E. Vaughn, deputy assistant secretary for land management, made the announcement in Juneau this week during a work session with State administration officials and legislators.

Rep. William Hensley of Kotzebue said that the plan would include both land and cash settlements, determined on a village by village basis. No specific details were given.

Hensley added that, from Vaughn's statements that the matter would be settled quickly; he assumed that no court action would be involved.

He said he received the impression that there was still

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