

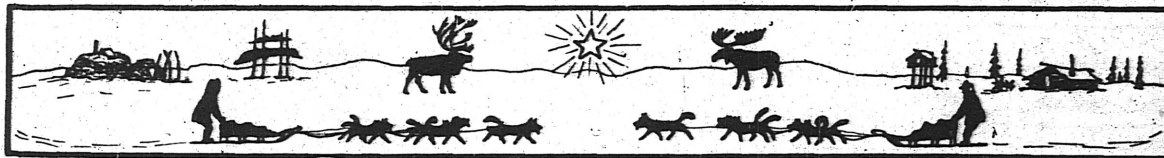
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## HICKEL TO MEET WITH ASNA

### Conference Set For January 17 In State Capitol

Representatives of the Arctic Slope Native Association will meet with Gov. Walter J. Hickel in Juneau in hope of working out a settlement on the controversial leasing of native claimed lands on the Arctic Slope.

The meeting is scheduled to take place January 17th in the Governor's office in Juneau, according to Hugh Nicholls, executive director

of ASNA.

Nicholls said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a settlement mutually agreeable to the State and Inupiat Eskimos regarding the leasing of the land.

"We contacted the Governor feeling we should leave no stone unturned in an attempt to work out a settlement," he said.

"We're going the second mile because the question is important enough not to be allowed to be settled by default," Nicholls said.

The governor was receptive to the idea of a meeting and we have hopes that there will be a satisfactory settlement of the situation," Nicholls indicated.

Nicholls said the ASNA election was scheduled to be held Tuesday, and that official representatives would not be named until after that date. However, I am sure that both ASNA President Sam Talaak and I would be interested and willing to go despite the expense," he related.

Nicholls also said a general membership meeting was scheduled for this Saturday in Barrow to acquaint the people with the current situation, and to allow them to meet the candidates for office in the coming ASNA

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### Hickel Invited To Federated Group Meeting

Gov. Walter J. Hickel has been invited to attend the January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Native Associations and to make the principal talk.

The invitation to the new Governor was extended by Flore Lekanof, chairman, of the new Alaska Federation.

The conference is scheduled for Fairbanks, Jan. 19th and 20th, in the basement of the Chamber of Commerce log cabin.

Presidents of 22 native associations from around the State are expected to attend the meeting, along with Walter Soboloff, of the Alaska Native Brotherhood,

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SPECIAL GUESTS at the December 5 swearing-in ceremonies of Governor Walter J. Hickel in Juneau were Mt. Edgecumbe School

honor students Gilbert Barr and Flossie Hopson, shown above with Governor and Mrs. Hickel. Gilbert, who is from Deering, and Flossie,

from Barrow, were awarded the trip to Juneau in recognition of their scholastic abilities.

## Hopson Takes Diverse View From ASNA on Atomic Blasts

Former State Senator Eben Hopson, of Barrow, this week took a different view of under

### Hugh J. Wade Appointed Solicitor

Alaska's former Secretary of State, Hugh J. Wade, will become the Department of the Interior's solicitor for Alaska. Wade began his new duties this week.

The announcement of Wade's appointment was made in Washington D.C. last week by Department

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ground atomic testing in the Arctic and said he hoped the AEC proposals will be open for further exploration and better understanding.

He warned against tying land claims to atomic testing. "I wish to point out that the objections raised was that of Mr. Nicholls, and does not necessarily reflect the thinking of the association," Hopson said.

"The well known and highly patriotic nature of the Eskimo is being damaged by the outright objection to the national security program at its announcement, before the majority of us had a chance to read about it in the papers,"

Hopson added.

However, Hopson was critical of the AEC's lack of communication with the Eskimo people and Alaskans in the former Cape Thompson project, which was finally abandoned after strong objections were raised.

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## Biggest Dog Race in The World at Bethel

The dates for the largest sled dog race in the world have been set. The Bethel Winter Carnival Committee has slated the biggest dog race for January 28th and 29th.

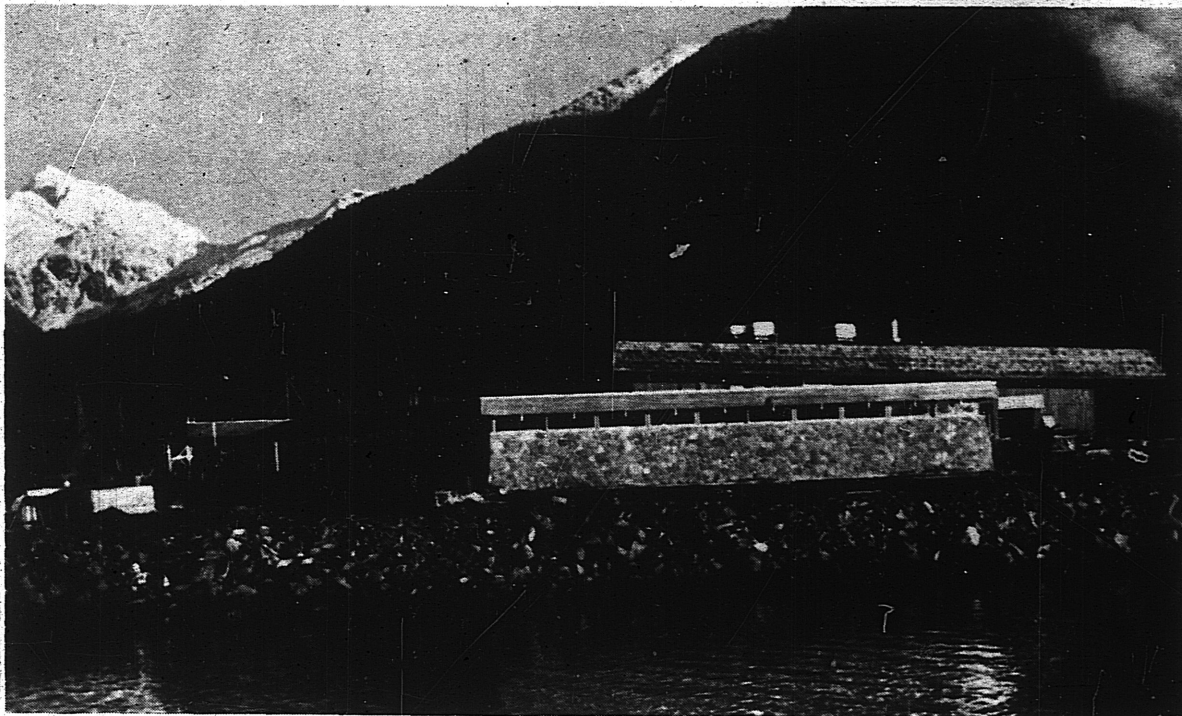
The race may likely attract more than 100 teams, far more than any other Alaskan sled dog race, with some teams having to journey as long as eight

trail-days to reach Bethel, the site of the big race.

Teams will assemble in Bethel from Eskimo villages on the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers, the tundra villages, and the Bering Sea Coast.

One of the first place prizes is a free trip to the smaller Anchorage fur rendezvous race in February.

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SITKA'S A-67 BUILDING--A view from the seaward side of Sitka's Centennial Building under construction with partial financing by a Federal Alaska Purchase Centennial grant of \$630,400. The building will

provide space for exhibits during the Centennial year as well as an auditorium seating 500 for pageants, special programs and meetings. Completion and dedication are scheduled for March 30, 1967.