

NATIVES FORM OWN BRAND OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Quitclaim Paves Way for Development

The Arctic Slope Native Association has signed a quitclaim agreement for land at the Barrow airport, and has sent it to the State for final acceptance.

The agreement releases the airport from the Arctic Slope land claim, allowing the State to obtain full title. This, in turn, will allow the State to obtain Federal aid for improving the airport.

The agreement provides that, for the sum of \$1.00 and other considerations received, the Natives have forever quitclaimed to the State the area within the property lines shown on the Barrow airport master plan.

The agreement also requires the state to grant a public right-of-way to the freshwater lake of Emiksaun and that the individually-owned ice cellars and access to them shall be protected in perpetuity to the heirs and assignees of the owners.

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Brings Home Bacon—

Bulkhead May Save Historic Ft. Yukon from Mighty Yukon

State Representative Don Young, of Ft. Yukon, was one of the more jubilant legislators to return home recently

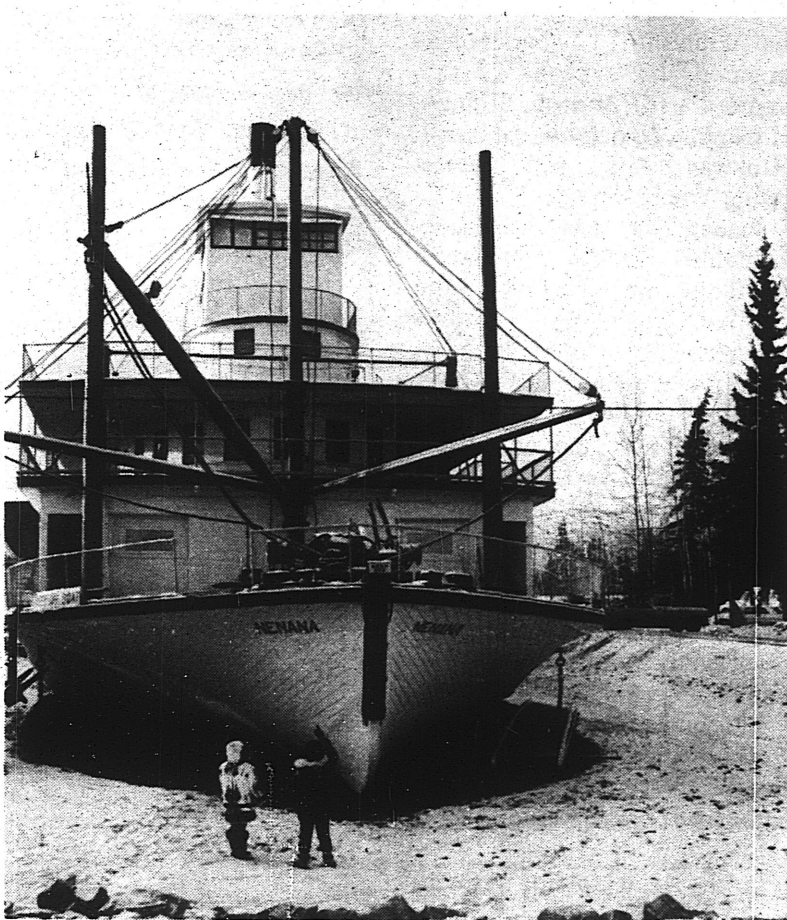
Anaktuvuk Move To Be Discussed At Meet Apr. 21

The people of Anaktuvuk Pass will meet with ASNA leaders and BIA officials April 21 and decide whether they want to move to Umiat.

Many of the villagers requested the move last month because of the difficulty in obtaining fuel for the present village. At present, the villagers must make a 40-mile round trip every other day to get willows to heat their homes.

ASNA and the BIA have spent the past month studying the various problems involved in the move, and

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STEAMER NENANA—This sternwheeler delivered food and equipment to the Natives and trappers on the Yukon River for many years before being retired to display at the Alaska 67 exposition site. On May 28 of this year it will be the scene of the Alaska Press Club banquet, where the club's annual awards will be announced.

Native AA Chapter Makes Headway in Fighting Alcoholism

A special Native branch of Alcoholics Anonymous, working with Bureau of Indian Affairs cooperation in Fairbanks, is showing

success in helping to rehabilitate Native alcoholics that could not be reached by other methods or by conventional AA chapters.

About 150 persons have made some improvement as a result of the program.

The special chapter follows the general group therapy idea of AA. A person joins when he admits to himself that he has a problem with alcohol, and decides he wants to improve himself.

The chapter meets weekly, and the members discuss their own experiences and solutions for their problems.

Although the AA approach has proven effective in many cases, it has in the past showed little help for Natives. BIA officials examining the problem discovered the problem was in communications—the Natives were not able to join in the group discussion.

One reason for the lack of communication was that the

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Kotzebue Water Supply Works to Start in Summer

Construction is scheduled to start this summer on a project to provide a central water supply for Kotzebue. The project is part of the Public Health Service's village sanitation program.

The PHS will provide material and technical and supervisory personnel; actual construction of the facilities, by law, depends on volunteer labor by the villagers. The idea behind this is that the Natives should be willing to supply the labor in return for the facilities.

ASNA Requests Grant For Village Projects

A \$1,252,000 grant to develop villages in the Arctic has been requested

from the Office of Economic Opportunity by ASNA.

The proposal involves projects in several villages, including a guides' school at Barrow, a sea mammal and oil cannery at Wainwright, and a radio station at Barrow.

It would provide housing at PT. Hope and Wainwright, and aid for the proposed move from Anaktuvuk Pass to Umiat.

The guides' school would eventually be developed into a guild, to help hunters and guides get together for business.

A part-time consultant for OEO—Prof. Stanley S. Moss, head of the school of graduate social work at Fresno State College, saw the plans while he was in Alaska evaluating ASCAP, and he is reported as optimistic about the chances of getting the grant.

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state school built at a cost of \$1 million would take

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Pollock Charges 'Credibility Gap'; Agrees Rampart 'Down the Tube'

If an acceptable solution is not found for the Native land claims problem, the Interior Department's freeze on land transfers could mean disaster for the state of Alaska, Representative Howard W. Pollock told the Alaska Young Republican Federation Convention in Fairbanks last Saturday.

"We must reach a speedy solution so that our fine Native citizens can obtain the justice so long denied them, and the state of Alaska can progress."

Pollock, the banquet speaker at the convention, also discussed Rampart Dam and other Federal-assistance projects, the Vietnam war

credibility gap, and the future opportunities for the Republican party.

The credibility gap "is basically a lack of trust between the Federal government and the people," Pollock said. "The governing of America requires the existence of a mutual trust between the President, the Congress and the people."

The gap occurs in the Vietnam war because some information is withheld from the public for security reasons, said Pollock, adding his opinion that the reasons are not valid in some cases.

Pollock charged that a