



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Some of the prominent Alaskans who travelled to the nation's capital recently to attend the native land claims hearings held before the house and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committees: Left to right George Gardner, Washington, D.C.; Roger Connor, Juneau; Emil Notti, Anchorage; Flora Lekanof, Anchorage; Cliff Groh, Anchorage; Barry Jackson, Fairbanks; Rhoda Forslund, Kotzebue and Fairbanks and a secretary in Pollock's Washington offices; Morris

Thompson, Juneau; front row seated, Rep. Willie Hensley, Kotzebue; Congressman Pollock and Laura Bergt, Anchorage. The two day hearings were the very first land claims hearings held in Washington, D.C. before congressional committees. Also attending the hearings but not shown in photo here were: Governor Hickel, Attorney William Paul, Don Wright and John Borbridge, Anchorage; Charles Edwardson, Barrow.



Paula Joins Pollock's Staff

PAULA McClain, daughter of M/Sgt. Robert L. McClain of Fort Richardson, recently joined Congressman Pollock's Washington, D.C. staff. A recent graduate of East Anchorage High, Paula has been accepted at Washington's Howard University. She will study pre-law and Political Science. She spent her summer vacation last year working in the law offices of Attorney M. Ashley Dickerson of Anchorage. "I'm just as excited as I can be about working in Mr. Pollock's office," the tall attractive Paula said when queried about her new job.



Martin J. Nusbaum



John E. Whalen

Bethel Eskimo Working with Slow Learners

An Eskimo with nine years experience in Alaska is spending his summer working as a research assistant for the Mental Health Unit of the Alaska Native Health Area Office in Anchorage.

Oscar Kawagley, born in Bethel, is currently working with student problems, particularly those dealing with slow learners and the mentally retarded. Because he speaks the Eskimo language, Kawagley's work with the unit is particularly valuable in that he can communicate directly with the people he is attempting to help.

The research assistant has already made a survey of suicide reports, tabulating causes and means used when these are known. Such study is an important part of attacking the problem of suicides among young Alaskan natives and also among Indians in the other parts of the United States.

Kawagley will take a teaching assignment in Anchorage this fall. His previous assignments have been a year at Tok and eight years in Glenallen.

Martin Nusbaum Transfers to Alaska Steam Juneau Office

SEATTLE—Martin J. Nusbaum, Alaska Steamship Company district manager, Fairbanks, has been named district manager, Juneau, and John E. Whalen, Alaska Line sales representative, Anchorage, has been named Fairbanks district manager, W. S. Post, Jr., executive vice president and general manager of the line, announced this week.

In their new posts Nusbaum will report to William B.

Morrice, Southeastern Alaska Regional Manager, Juneau, and Whalen will continue to report to William H. Ekemo, Central Alaska Regional manager, Anchorage.

A native of Seattle, Nusbaum served a hitch in the U.S. Marine Corps before joining Alaska Line in 1959. He was transferred to Fairbanks as traffic representative the same year and was appointed assistant agent there in 1961.

Nick Begich Continues Campaign in Bristol Bay

ANCHORAGE—Senator Nick Begich left here Wednesday to continue his campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Bristol Bay area.

Senator Begich plans to visit the Dillingham and Bethel area and the native villages along the Kuskokwim River.

In the Bristol Bay area, Sen-

ator Begich will be travelling with Emil Notti, President of the Alaska Federation of Natives—who has recently returned from Washington, D. C. where he testified in the native land hearings. They expect to spend a week in western Alaska.

The Anchorage senator just returned from Naknek where

he participated in the salmon festival. Begich took his turn cooking and serving salmon to the many participants of the festival.

Begich stated he was appalled by the small salmon case pack which will result in dire economic conditions in the area for the coming year.

Burial Expenses Up to \$250 Will Be Paid for Eligible Deceased Vets

Up to \$250 for burial expenses for eligible deceased veterans will be paid by the Veterans Administration if the claim is filed within two years after the veteran's burial or cremation, according to M. W. McDonough, Manager of the Juneau VA Regional Office. Burial claims may be filed by the undertaker, if he has not been paid, or by the party who paid the undertaker, the VA spokesman explained.

McDonough said the VA will reimburse up to \$250 in expenses for the permanent burial or cremation of any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, if the veteran served during wartime or after August 4, 1964.

McDonough pointed out that burial expenses up to \$250 are also reimbursable for a deceased veteran who had served between

January 31, 1955, and August 5, 1964, and who was receiving service-connected disability compensation at the time of death or was separated from service as the result of a disability incurred in line of duty.

(Burial expenses for servicemen who died on active duty are borne by the military, not the VA.)

Almost every deceased veteran is eligible for an American flag for his casket, McDonough said. Flags are furnished undertakers, on request by any VA office or post office.

Following the veteran's burial, the flag may be given to the next of kin, or, if there is no next of kin, to the closest friend of the deceased veteran.

Further information may be obtained at the Juneau VA Regional Office or from any VA office.



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