

Furs--

New Concept

FAIRBANKS—Kelly Painter, long time Alaskan, is hoping to revive Alaska's struggling fur trade with a new concept.

It is his idea to barter Alaskan furs for Japanese hardware that would be useful in the bush areas.

"It is my belief that by eliminating the retailers, wholesalers, middlemen, shipping costs from the South 48 and paying only import duty, the fur industry can be made profitable," he said.

Painter hopes to trade for snow machines, electric plants, trail bikes, sewing machines and whatever else might be useful in the bush.

He's seeking reliable trappers who would like to participate in a Native fur cooperative and government help in eliminating red tape.

Anyone interested should contact him at PSC No. 5, Box 1508, Eielson, Alaska 99702.

Platoon Counts Reindeer

The 12th Aviation Company, Mohawk Platoon of Ft. Wainwright, recently combined forces with the Alaska Fish and Game Management Office to do an aerial recount of the reindeer herd on Nunivak Island.

A count done last spring showed 2,000 animals missing from the herd. Natives of the island refused to believe that many deer could be lost and asked for help in checking the animals.

The military will do the job with an OV-1 Mohawk aircraft

equipped with a super quiet surveillance system designed for combat conditions. The plane utilizes a sensitive infrared system which will detect body heat and reproduce and recognizable image on film as well as KA-30 aerial cameras.

Earlier attempts to do a recount have been hampered by bad weather which Nunivak has had more than its share of this season. The military predicts, however, it can get the job done by this fall.

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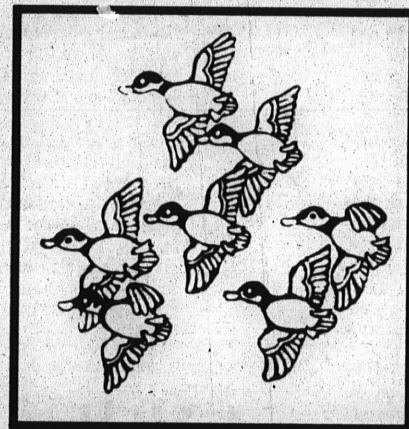
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