

ASCAP SUFFERS ANOTHER SNARL

Internal Battles Rage Within ASCAP Inc. Organization

The War on Poverty in Alaska faced some internal battles this week when several of the leaders resigned to protest the selection of an executive director for the Alaska State Community Program, Inc. ASCAP administers most Office of Economic Opportunity grants in Alaska.

At their meeting in Kotzebue last week, the board of directors of ASCAP named Flore Lekanof of Fairbanks as the new executive director by a 9-3 vote replacing acting director Al Fothergill.

Following this appointment, the regional coordinator of ASCAP, Michael C. Valentine, the state-wide grass roots director, Charles Edwardsen, and three of four Grass Roots team captains—Ruby Tansy of Fairbanks, Reva Wulf of Bethel, and

Ralph Eluska of Anchorage, all resigned their posts. Other people are reported to have resigned or to be considering resigning.

Edwardsen has sent a telegram to Washington asking that a federal investigation be made of the actions of the board of directors. He is presently on a trip to Washington, paid for by people involved in ASCAP who also object to the actions. He hopes to discuss the case with OEO director Sargent Shriver and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

Edwardsen and the others claim that the election was influenced by government agencies, and that it compromises ASCAP's independence from politics.

The new director, Flore Lekanof, is an Aleut who holds a master's degree in education from the University of Washington. He has been Interior Alaska regional coordinator for ASCAP since March, 1966. The board selected him from a field of 24 applicants, including Fothergill.

From these applicants, a
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Tlingit Wins Appointment To Educ. Board

Governor Walter J. Hickel today appointed Dr. Walter A. Soboleff, Grant President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, to the State Board of Education.

The 58-year old Tlingit Indian is the Governor's second appointment to the Board.

"We are pleased that a man of Dr. Soboleff's character and stature has accepted this appointment. His deep understanding of Alaska's Native people will be a valuable asset to the Board," the Gov. said.

Soboleff holds a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Dubuque University. The Native leader is presently a traveling evangelist of the Alaska Presbytery.

During the last year he served as a consultant for the Ford Foundation's educational program at the University of Alaska and as Assistant Director of Training for the VISTA II project in South

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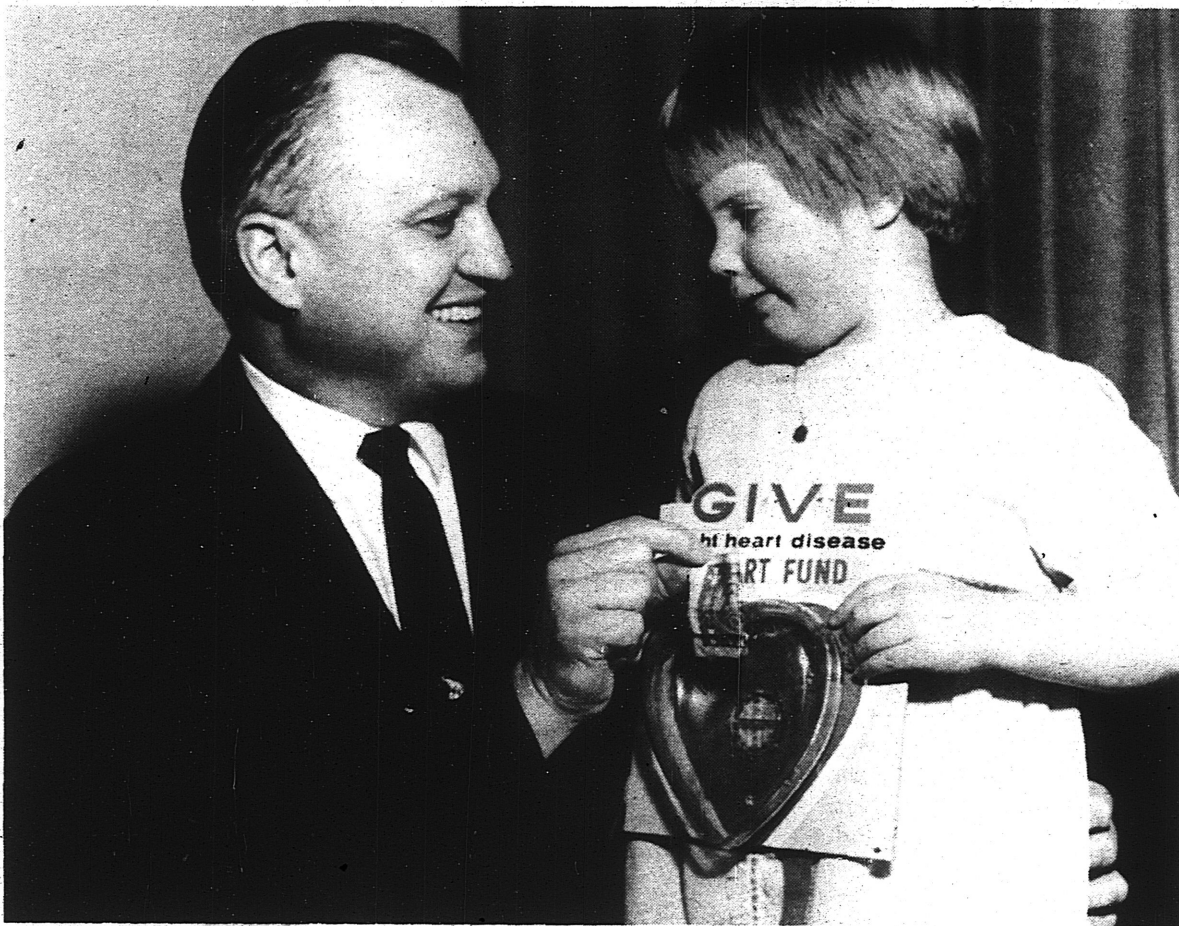
10 BIA Schools To Be Transferred To State System

The operation of 10 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools will be transferred to Alaska as of July 1.

Nine schools will be turned over to the State. They are at Atka, Eagle, Kalignek, Manokotak, Minto, new Stuyahok Northway, Tanacross, and Togiak. One school at English Bay will be turned over to the Kenai Borough.

Titles on some of the schools will be held by the BIA until after projected construction is completed. Titles on the others, plus schools at Pt. Graham and Tyonek already under State operation, will pass on July 1.

Teachers at the schools will be given the choice of accepting employment with the state or transferring to other BIA schools.



HEART FUND KICK-OFF--Linda Cameron smiles as she receives the kick-off contribution to the State-wide Heart Fund drive from Governor Walter J. Hickel. Five-year-old Linda, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Farlin Cameron of Juneau, had heart surgery last summer that was sponsored in part by the Heart Fund because of research information that could be gained. The Heart Fund Drive will last through the month of February.

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Big Meeting At Nulato Colorful

By David LaPorte

Due to bad weather conditions, the big meeting held in Nulato started one day late as planes could not get in. However, things did get rolling by January 17.

The meeting was called by Andrew Demoski, president of the Nulato council, to solve or at least work on many of the problems of the natives in this area.

Representatives from Ruby, Koyukik, Allakaket, Galena, and Kaltag were present. VISTA Volunteers from Nulato, Kaltag, and Koyukuk were present. Also in attendance were representatives from different agencies: Charles Olson from Alaska State Housing Authority; Art Patterson from BIA; Ron Benkert, attorney from Anchorage; Charles Edwardsen from ASCAP; Ruby Tansy and Andrew Demoski from Grass

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Hickel Pledges Reindeer Support

Gov. Walter J. Hickel has pledged that the state would back efforts to build up the reindeer industry in Alaska.

Hickel took part in a meeting Wednesday with legislators and Bureau of Indian Affairs representatives to find ways of boosting the industry. Bill Hensley, Democratic legislator from Northwest Alaska, told the TUNDRA TIMES that he felt the governor has shown genuine interest in the reindeer program.

BIA officials at the meeting included Area Director Owen Morken, E.W. Barrett of the BIA's extension service in Washington, D.C., and Edward L. Nygard of the Juneau office.

The officials said that there were about 38,000 reindeer in Alaska now, but that the Seward Peninsula alone could support about 90,000 deer. BIA plans to establish a training program for herders have

been blocked for three years by lack of funds.

One suggestion made by
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Harold, Korean Boy Makes Totem

By Harold Riach

WRANGELL (Special)—I'm making two totem poles. Mr. Tom Ukas is showing me how to do this. He is an expert. It is lots of fun to make the totem poles, but I like selling papers better.

I have lots of fun playing basketball. Our coach, Wally Watts, and his family are leaving town. All of us 5th and 6th grade boys are sad about this news.

I hope we will have another coach as nice as Mr. Watts.

AVS Authorizes 400 Pounds of Dog Food Shipment to Venetie

A 400 pound shipment of dog food has been made to the village of Venetie by the American Anti-Vivisection Society in Philadelphia.

Replying to a request for help from the Fairbanks Native Association, Society President Owen B. Hunt wrote that he had telephoned the Randy Acord Brokerage

Company in Fairbanks to have them ship the food to the village. Such dog food is being transported without charge by Wien Air Alaska.

Further shipments to Venetie are being arranged as a part of the Society's annual project of feeding hungry huskies in Alaskan villages.

Editorial—

Swimming Pool Need

Twenty years is a long time to put over an idea that would be beneficial to people but that's what our U.S. Senator Ernest Gruening has tried to do during his sena-

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