BLADDER FIELD - Bladder field can be seen in the center.

Leak Occurred on North Slope ...

ular Aviation gas.

The fuel is brought in by Hercules cargo planes and pumped into the collapsible bladders, which are easily transported and put on site.

An injunction sought by environmentalist and other interests just prior to completion of camps required that sheets of visquene be laid down to line the pit in which the bladders are laid and that earthen dikes be erected around the fields to contain the fuel in the event of a leakage.

A man who spent a month in the Happy Valley camp (from June 6 to July 1) came to the Tundra Times with photographs and a quart container of liquid which he claimed to have taken on the site at a small catch basin near the creek into which oil

was draining down from the soil.

Shortly after his arrival at Happy Valley, he noticed darkened soil and seepage below the bladder field. He walked down, put his finger in a small puddle then a paper towel, which he lit. It flared and burned.

Later he commented to the manager of the camp: "Looks like you have a bad leak in your bladder field."

The camp manager said no, that the leak was just residual oil from filling the tanks which had seeped out after the ground had thawed

Later, the man reported observing an employee at the camp, assigned to go down to the catch basin two and sometimes three times a day to burn off the oil the accumulated on the surface. He concluded that there had

to be a major leakage to occasion that amount of activity and his curiosity led him to further investigate the amount of oil in out of the soil, which he esti-mated by filling a quart contain-er in 15 seconds (or a gallon a minute), and by dropping crack-er crumbs on the surface.

He reported that there were apparently two catch basins, an earlier one which appeared to not be in use at the present time and which had been eroded by the stream, and the present one where the burning took place every day.

What alarmed him was that the second basin had a three inch pipe protruding under the water from it which he felt was directly letting oil flow into the

stream and polluting it.

When the Bureau of Land
Management was contacted by Tundra Times they admitted that there had been a spill, that it occurred about last August or September, not from a bladder but from an underground pipe.

They said that permission had been given to burn off the residue in the manner which was being used. However, upon being used. However, upon looking at the photographs, they were unable to give an explana tion for the pipe extending into

Alyeska was then contacted

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and also confirmed the leakage, adding that there had been an even more recent leak within the last four to five weeks. They said corrective measures had taken, the leak has been located, repaired, and reported.

Dave Nelson, an engineer with the firm, said the spill was about 100 gallons of Arctic Diesel fuel, a clear, water-white product. He said that about a year ago, they detected fuel but believed the present seepage was from a new leak.

The engineer in charge of Happy Valley was at the camp site on the day Alyeska was questioned and would give details when he could be reached.

Another spokesman for Aly

eska said the amount of the spill was not great, but added, "No

spills are really justified."
He said that Alyeska was con cerned and that their own en-vironmentalist, Dale Brandon, was on the site investigating the situation with the engineer.

He referred Tundra Times to Max Brewer, in charge of the state of Alaska's Environment Protection agency and to George Van Whye of the Fish and Game Dept. for statistics on whether there had been any damage to fish in the stream and the Sag

The Sag River is a transporta-tion route for Arctic char on their way to spawn and is also a grayling stream. Tundra Times will report the effect on fish as soon as statistics are available from those agencies, but indica-tions, according to Alyeska, are that there has been no damage whatsoever.

Dave Nelson, Alveska engineer, had a theory that the pipe evident in the photograph was placed in the catch basin deliber-

ately to act as an oil separator.
"Oil," he said, "will rise to
the top of water. If the pipe is
strategically placed, it will function to draw off the water at the bottom, and facilitate the burning process.'

He advised that any conclusions be withheld until the engi-

sions be withheld until the engineer at the site be consulted.

When asked if the arrangements were not crudely constructed and dangerously close to the stream where a flood condition could wash out the entire basin, he reiterated that the total amount of the spill was not significant and that even if 100 gallons were allowed to flow the stream all at once, it would dissipate rapidly cause no appreciable damage.

He discussed an incident at another camp where a bear had entered the bladder field and clawed three of the storage bladders. In that case he said, the soil of the pit was "impervious" and the fuel had been contained in the pit until they had pumped it into an empty bladder and force in an extra tark within a flown in an extra tank within a matter of hours.

He was, however, critical of the use of visquene to line the

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Other programs scheduled for this month are as follows

Thursday, July 13: The Vil-

lage Circle.
Friday, July 14: "What Do
You Want to Know?" The Alaska Library Association presents books of Eskimo life and le-gends. Villagers can have any book from the program sent to

Monday, July 17: Fairbanks Native Community Center, Na-tive Health Board with Georgianna Lincoln.
Tuesday, July 18: Tanana

fields. He reported that the first winter after installation, it was mostly gone, not having held up in sub-zero weather.

"It just doesn't work," he

They are looking for another material with which to replace it, but so far nothing had been found. In spite of the draw-backs, he still felt the rubberized fabric bladders were the best solution to the fuel storage prob-

A Fairbanks representative for the Friends of the Earth, Jim Kowalski, is not as certain that the bladders offer the safest solution. His organization plans to investigate overall effects of the recent spillage.

Alyeska has volunteered a plane to take Tundra Times to the site to investigate conditions first-hand. A Bureau of Land Management engineer will accompany the flight and confirm that no environmental regulations have been violated. A final report will appear in next week's Tundra Times.

The question is one of bal-ance, of development and industry on the one hand and of protection and ecology on the other. Perhaps at no other time or place in the entire world has industry been so cautiously watched and had so many requirements placed upon it.

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The man who first reported the Happy Valley leak to the press chose Tundra Times, he said, "because I felt the Natives had the first stake in the environment. They have lived off the land for so long."

"But," he added, "it also concerns all Americans. There are people in the lower 48 who have never seen virgin country. This is one of the last places left."

The preservation of that virgin country, he felt, would long outlast the oil boom.

Balance is a requirement put upon man, just as it is put upon Nature. In the next few years to come, Alaskans will put to test their own resources for achieving a measure of balance between development and protection of the land.

Chiefs Report.

Wednesday, July 19: Fair-banks Native Community Center

Report.
Thursday, July 20: The Vil-

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great newspapers which have also been microfilmed by MCA.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for fur Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing equipment rental and labor rates, and performing all work at the specified rates under Extra and Force Account work, on Project G50049, Denail Highway to Seven Mile Lake Access Road, described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevalling time, July 27, 1972, in the Commissioner's Office, Island Center Bidg., Douglas, Alaska. Equipment rental and labor rates and for mobilization thereof, are being called for on the following items:

(tem No. 110(1) - Lump Sum - Mobilization (10), 10), 10 - Crawler Tractor (D-6) class or equivalent with hydraulic blade 109(2) - One - Front-end loader (2-3 cubic yard capacity) 109(3) - Three Rear Dump Trucks, (10 cubic yard capacity).

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These rates will include operators'
wages, including all support labor required by union agreements, subsistence, overhead and all fringe benefits, together with fuel, lubrication,
repairs, maintenance, insurance, taxes
and other charges necessary to keep
the equipment in good operating condition. These rates shall be paid for
the period the equipment is actually
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costs, or any period of time lost or
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be paid.

This project will include the furishing, hauling, and placing of approximately 8,500 cubic yards of
river run gravel,
Project No. G-50049
Location Denali Highway to
Seven Mile Lake
Starting date of project and quantities of work available are subject to
final approval. Award will be made
on the basis of age and condition of
equipment, as well as the hourly de.
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the project site withing the days after
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Plans and specifications may be
obtained by all who have a bona fide
eed for them for bidding purposes
from the Chief Design Engineer, P.O.
Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
Plans may be examined at Department of Highway Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

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This project will consist of furnishing and placing standard school crossing flashers in Haines, Skagway, Juneau-Douglas, Wrangell, Petersburg, and Sitka, Alaska.

Items of work consist of the following: 816 square feet of standard signs; 48 signs to be removed and disposed; 7 standard signs to be relocated; 13 flashing school crossing signs, lump sum, all required.

All work shall be completed in 120 Calendar days. Plans and specifications may be

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land Center Building, Douglas, Alas-ka. This project will consist of grading and drainage on -1.2 miles of road-way at Quinhagak and 0.6 miles at Manokotak. The project is located in the Kuskokwim Bay and Bristol Bay area of Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 51,500 cubic yards of Borrow; 74 linear feet of 18" pipe Conduit, 272 linear feet of 24" Pipe Conduit, and 50 linear feet of 30" Pipe Conduit, and miscellaneous items of work.

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