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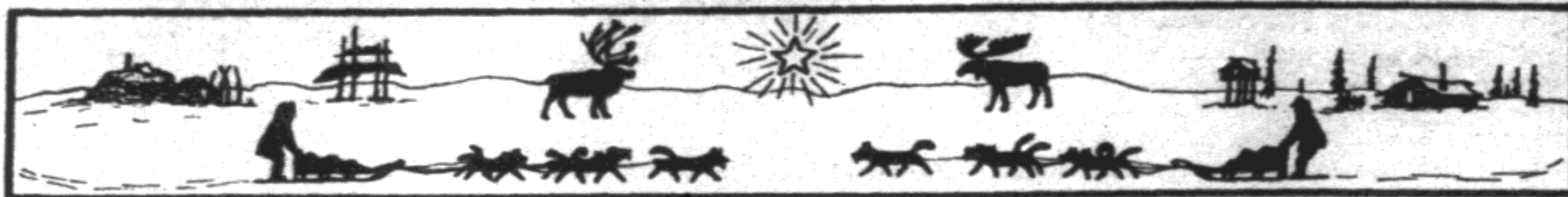
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LEADERS STRUGGLE FOR UNITY



WINTER SYMBOL—Each winter, the coast of the Arctic is gripped by a solid band of frozen, anchored ice that had been driven by currents and winds against the beaches in the late fall. The force of currents drive huge sheets of floes against the shores breaking them up in large chunks and piling them sometimes into high ridges. The piece of floe at left was lifted out of

the sea off Barrow last fall and stayed the winter until now the partially melting ice and spring currents will have carried it away soon. New sets of ridges will take its place next fall. Part of the northernmost village of Barrow on the North American Continent can be seen to the right.

—Wien Consolidated Airlines
Photo by FRANK WHALEY

Anger at Attorneys, Attorney Resignations, Pervade AFN Meeting

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ANCHORAGE, (Special)—Following the intensive struggle to maintain unity among native leaders, and with hopes renewed by a telegram from Justice Arthur Goldberg, the Alaska Federation of Natives concluded a session of meetings which lasted nearly one week.

In the telegram, dated May 19, and addressed to AFN President Emil Notti, Goldberg indicated that he may wish to reconsider serving as counsel for the organization during the settlement of the native land claims.

That telegram is printed in its entirety elsewhere in the Tundra Times.

Native leaders are now hopeful that a unified position on the land claims settlement can be achieved soon, having been given renewed optimism from the telegram sent by Goldberg.

After three days of discussion, AFN had resolved its stand on the resignation of former Justice Arthur Goldberg. When the question of whether to accept Goldberg's resignation was finally put to a vote, it failed on a split 10 to 10 vote.

Voting to accept the resignation were Cecil Barnes, Cordova Native Association; Moses Pauken, Association of Village Council Presidents; Frank Degnan, Unalakleet; Richard Frank, Fairbanks Native Association; Emil McCord, Tyonek Village; Shirley Tucker, Eklutna; Don Wright, Cook Inlet Native Association; Bill Paul, Alaska Native Brotherhood; Ray Christianson, Kuskokwim Valley Native Association; and Harvey Samuelson, Bristol Bay Native Association.

Voting to defeat the motion were Joe Upicksoun, Arctic Slope Native Association; Eben Hopson, AFN Second Vice President; John Borbridge, Tlingit and Haida Council; Flore Lekanof, Aleut League; Wilma Ketzler, (Continued on page 6)

Gravel Asks Satellite Educ. TV for Natives

Senator Mike Gravel has requested the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Education, chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy, to recommend a satellite communications system for educationally disenfranchised natives in Alaskan villages.

In a letter addressed to Kennedy, Sen. Gravel said he had requested Robert H. Finch, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for a report on the use of satellites in health and educational plans for Alaska.

Gravel said that the Kennedy Subcommittee could be "instrumental in assisting the program."

Sen. Gravel put the spotlight on the Lister Hill National Center of Biomedical Communications (NCBC), which could provide rural Alaska doctors with split-second access to computerized medical data memory banks now only available at limited locations in the United States.

Sen. Gravel said, "Alaska's doctors could get immediate therapeutic or diagnostic information on demand instead of through the mail, or even telephone exchanges, where or when available in Alaska."

In addition the NCBC, which administratively is attached to the National Library of Medicine, can serve as a framework for national medical refresher

training and education," Sen. Gravel said.

At the time enabling legislation was announced, NCBC said it was considering satellite communications as well as established terrestrial networks.

"The United States is planning to make an experimental satellite available to India for (Continued on page 6)

Alfred Ketzler Elected New President of Tanana Chiefs

At the annual conference, held last weekend in Fairbanks, the Tanana Chiefs elected Alfred Ketzler as the new president of that organization. He replaces Rep. John Sackett, R-Ruby, who held that position for the past year.

The meeting began last Friday with delegates present from Allakaket, Dot Lake, Galena, Ft.

Yukon, Huslia, Nenana, Nulato, Rampart, Ruby, Tanana, and Venetie.

The two major issues under discussion at the conference were the employment situation and hiring practices on the North Slope, especially involving the rural areas, and settlement of the land claims.

Out of a number of oil companies invited to speak at the conference, the only representative to attend was Mrs. Eggie Harrison, from Atlantic Richfield's Employee Relations Of-

fice.

"Atlantic Richfield is very much aware that the people for the jobs in Alaska are Alaskans," Mrs. Harrison said. "Contrary to popular opinion, Atlantic Richfield has never lost a man who has returned to the cities on his vacation break."

Mrs. Harrison also stated that they felt much of the problem was with the drilling exploration companies, many of which pay (Continued on Page 4)

Goldberg Telegram

(Editor's Note: Justice Arthur J. Goldberg last Monday sent a telegram to Emil Notti, president of Alaska Federation of Natives, that he would reconsider his withdrawal he made two weeks ago after pressure was put on him by attorneys of the regional native organizations. The following is Goldberg's telegram in its entirety.)

I have received your telegram asking me to reconsider my decision to withdraw as general counsel for the AFN on the land issue, and appreciate this expression of confidence and good will. As I previously informed you, I withdrew because I felt that at this stage in my career, I should not become involved in unseemly disputes about professional representation.

I had assumed that the resolution unanimously adopted by the AFN Board of Directors appropriately defined the responsibilities of the AFN general counsel and regional counsel. I have repeatedly stated, as have my associates, that it is not my intention to intrude upon or impair the relationship between any Native group and any attorney, or to interfere with the contractual relationships between Native groups and their attorneys, or to affect the right of attorneys to be paid for services.

On the question of compensation, it has always been my position that my representation constitutes a form of public service and that financial considerations are of a secondary concern. The contract which I prepared gave me no voice in setting the fee. Un-

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ALFRED KETZLER

BLM Technical Study Group for Oil Pipeline

A Bureau of Land Management Technical Study Group is to arrive in Alaska May 19th. The Study Group will be in the state through the end of June to develop stipulations for the proposed Alaska pipeline.

In making the announcement, Burton W. Silcock State Director for the BLM in Alaska explained "Federal and State agencies are concerned with emphasizing a planned approach to development in the state."

The recent announcement by Trans Alaska Pipeline Systems for the construction of the 800 (Continued on Page 4)