

Festive Sitkans Fete Senator Nick Begich; He Calls for 'NASA of the Sea,' ARTCA Program

SITKA—The Volunteers for Begich Committee of this Southeastern Alaska city last Saturday night hosted a highly successful fund-raising dinner for congressional candidate, Senator Nick Begich here. The master of ceremonies for the dinner was Begich for Congress chairman, Stumpy Baughn.

An overflow crowd enthusiastically participated in the evening's festivities which centered around a buffet-style Chinese dinner catered by Mrs. Martha Brown, a local chef.

Head table guests included Mrs. Margaret Petro, co-chairman of the Begich campaign here, Herbie Hope, president of the Sitka chapter of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, his wife, Hilda, president of the Sitka Alaska Native Sisterhood, Father Sonas and Father Mike, both of the Russian Orthodox Church, state Senator Howard Bradshaw, Begich, and Ann

Filler, general chairman of the evening affair.

Senator Bradshaw, who gave his official endorsement to Sen. Begich for Congress, introduced the Anchorage senator.

In after dinner remarks, Sen. Begich spoke of the role of foreign policy and its affect on Alaska. His remarks were also concerned with two of the planks of his six-point fishing program, a depletion allowance for fishing and a "Nasa of the Seas."

In discussing the North Slope oil development, Sen. Begich's remarks were centered around the "ARTCA" program which he has discussed frequently in his campaign.

"It is through an agency such as I propose, an Arctic Research, Training and Co-operative Agency, with funds derived from governmental and private sources, that we can solve so many of the problems of the

North Slope, create jobs, train Alaskans to fill these jobs, and co-operate with private enterprise in the fields of research and development," Begich said.

In his concluding remarks, Begich strongly emphasized the one issue which he said has become one of overriding interest to Alaskans he has met in the last eleven months of his campaign, that of ethics in government.

"No issue is of more concern to the citizens of Alaska than honesty in government and financial disclosure by public officials. Since I introduced the financial disclosure bill in the legislature, I have found that there is an urgency and concern on the part of everyone that we need ethics and morality emphasized in government at all levels," ended Begich.

Dartmouth Hosts 5 Young Alaskans

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Five young men from Alaska—Johnny Hunter of Angoon, Elmer Jackson of Kiana, Willie Kassylie of Akiachak, Pavla Pavla of Tuntutuliak, and Enoch Tooyak of Point Hope—are among a total of 10 Indian and Alaska native students in a special summer program at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

All five were 9th graders last year at Chemawa High School, the school run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Chemawa, Ore.

The program, called A Better Chance, is designed to offer high school students of high potential "a better chance" to get into college. The 10 Indian and Alaska native students are through the cooperation of BIA, among about 120 from all over the country taking part in the Dartmouth program.

While the bulk of the summer program is rigorously academic, concentrating on mathematics and language, other things are not forgotten. There are daily physical conditioning sessions in the swimming pool and on the soccer field.

There are frequent trips and hikes. There is involvement in art and music. There are more-or-less formal dinners. And there is lots of study.

Sheldon Jackson Plans Course in Tlingit

Realizing that the heritage of a people and their pride in that heritage are priceless fundamentals of society, the administration of Sheldon Jackson College has dared to dream about a course in the Tlingit language and a course in anthropology for native Alaskans—and for others who may be interested in such study.

Today that dream is approaching reality with the gift of \$20,000 from the Danforth Foundation.

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Sheldon Jackson College's proposed addition to its curriculum of courses, aimed at reviving and keeping alive the waning interest in the bi-lingual, background of native Alaskans,

has been endorsed by the Danforth Foundation as innovative and worthy of development.

The gift of \$20,000 reflects support for two years, with some of the fund available for curriculum development in the two important areas. It also reflects confidence that the courses in Tlingit and anthropology will make a distinct contribution to higher education.

Instructors for the courses and the time that they will be scheduled will be announced later, according to Dr. Orin R. Stratton, president.

WEATHER

Two things, warm temperatures and a lack of rain will probably identify the summer of 1968 for many years to come. The pleasure minded residents and the tourists have probably never enjoyed a more pleasant summer.

However in some areas the farmer is troubled because of a lack of moisture for his crops. Low stream flows are threatening to have an adverse effect on fish spawning unless rainfall returns to normal.

The dryness has definitely added to the problems of the Bureau of Land Management in their efforts to control fires. Obviously what adds to the pleasures of some, is a handicap for others.

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