



## W. HICKEL NODS TO NATIVE JOB STUDY



**MUSK OX SKULLS**—Lansing Holden of the Institute of Northern Agricultural Research, Vermont, is holding a set of musk ox horns found on the tundra on Ellesmere Island deep in the Canadian Arctic. Complete musk ox skull is shown in the foreground. Fifteen skulls were picked up and brought back to

Vermont for scientific study after the expedition completed the musk ox calf capture on the remote island to start a breeding stock at Old Fort Chimo near Ungava Bay in Canada. The story of the expedition ran last week in the Tundra Times.

—Photograph Credit—  
LANSING HOLDEN

### Handwriting On the Wall?

A state legislator at Juneau last week said he has six votes more than he needed to unseat State Fish and Game Commissioner Urban C. Nelson at the next session of the legislature which starts in January.

"I look for his resignation before the next session," said the legislator. "I have already notified the Governor of this."

He said that if the Governor does not wish to be embarrassed by legislative floor action, Hickel should ask the Commissioner to resign. The Governor's appointment of Urban Nelson is subject to approval by the legislature.

Nelson's appointment to the Fish and Game post

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### Program Posed to Gov. By Rep. Bill Hensley

#### Gov. Also Discusses Permanent Atomic Testing Site in Arctic

"I think it's a good idea. Until we could get the people working, we got problems. The answer to the Arctic is Jobs," Governor Walter J. Hickel said this week in Juneau.

The occasion was the brief discussion on the letter written Governor Hickel by Rep. William Hensley of Kotzebue in which Hensley recommended that the State undertake a similar program the Federal Field Committee for Alaska recommended to the federal government.

The committee's recommendations were contained in the staff study entitled, Alaska Natives and Federal Hire. The study called for liberalization of hiring policies of federal agencies in Alaska where native hire is concerned.

"I would recommend that you, as Governor, institute a similar study of the departments in the State government," wrote Rep. Hensley. "Such a study could lead to reward for yourself as Governor—and to jobs for those who need them most. The personnel policies of the State need review in any case—and the study would certainly be beneficial to Alaskans generally. When we spend, we spend at home."

The Governor indicated that to approach the problem of native hire in the state agencies might have to be taken up in legislature.

"We have to figure out if it's needed—we'll have to figure out a way to do it,"

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### Billy Gregorioff Dies in Crash

A doughty little fighter for what he thought was right died last month, September 15, near his home village of Illianna.

William "Billy" Gregorioff, Aleut and Russian extraction, was an air taxi operator and guide.

Due to communications difficulties, Tundra Times was not able to get specific confirmation of the fatal accident at the outset.

This week, Authur Upicksoun, who had been working at Newhalen five miles from

Illianna and on his way to Barrow to work, said that Billy Gregorioff was taking off Lake Illianna with a passenger.

"According to witnesses, Billy was airborne taking off, but when he was about 20 feet in the air the plane dipped and headed down into the lake. It hit the water and nosed over," said Upicksoun.

He said that Gregorioff's passenger was unhurt and was able to get out of the

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## Special Legislative Session Hammers Out Flood Relief Bills

The special session of the state legislature called to deal with aiding the flood victims of the Tanana Valley

### Bartlett Seeks Implementation Of 'Staff Study'

WASHINGTON—Following up on a special study of federal employment practices involving Alaska natives, Senator E. L. Bartlett has scheduled a series of meetings with administration officials to discuss implementation of the study's recommendations.

The study, made by the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, found that while Alaska native people make up one-fifth of the state's population, they held less than one-tenth of the jobs.

Bartlett told the Senate that the unemployment rate among native people was "a staggering 60 per cent."

In a letter to seven federal departments, Bartlett wrote, "If every agency and department active in Alaska were to

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area lasted six days at the state capitol in Juneau.

The legislation was geared for fast action in which House and Senate floor rules were suspended to expedite the passage of 34 bills introduced of which 31 were passed.

The special session passed two new tax bills, one a "head" tax bill, as the legislators dubbed it, in which each gainfully employed person will pay ten dollars a year toward a special disaster fund; the other, a one per cent hike on oil and gas production making the tax on that industry at the total of two per cent.

Apparently confident of the outcome of the special legislative session, Governor Walter J. Hickel said in his office in Juneau last Monday: "Thirty-one bills have been put in. This is going to be amazing. It's practically a major legislation."

Remarking on the House Bill No. 12 or head tax bill, the Governor said, "I think it is a liberal program... I think it's a responsible bill. The federal government paid business revenue shortfalls in the Anchorage earthquake in 1964. This bill is going to

be more liberal than the government.

"The way it's to be funded makes sense. Ten dollars a

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### Governor Asked To Request for Food Surplus

Senator Ernest Gruening late this week sent a telegram to Gov. Walter J. Hickel on behalf of natives from Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak Island urging him to request federal surplus food for them from Department of Agriculture and "to establish a procedure for its shipment to and distribution in these villages and any other where distress is evident."

Senator Gruening wired governor: "I have now received appeals for food from a number of Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak Island villages. These include: Perryville, Chignik Lake, Ivanoff Bay, Karluk, Old Harbor and Ahkhiok.

Undoubtedly, village councils in these places have

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### Editorial—

#### Significant Meeting

The importance of the upcoming conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives in Anchorage on October 19-21, should be noted seriously by the native people all over Alaska. It should be viewed as the arena in which the vast problems of our native citizens will be discussed in a progressive and imaginative manner by our leaders. We should also like to help stress that it must be the area in which they should seek to mend fences of differences so that the organization can function more smoothly than it had heretofore. Strong and positive efforts should be brought to bear to achieve this because it is one organization, if unified, that can truly represent our native people as a whole.

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