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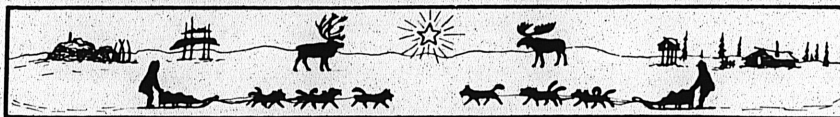
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Villages may lose liquor control

local control may be vulnerable during next legislature

By Jeffrey R. Richardson
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The power of villages to decide if a liquor establishment should be allowed in their area may be attacked in the next legislature, according to Linda Brown, director of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

A law passed last spring sets up a procedure that permits people living in unorganized villages or other areas having no organized government, to vote on whether an application for a new liquor license, or license renewal or transfer should be approved. The purpose of the law is to give the people affected by the application "full opportunity to protest or give their blessing to a liquor establishment," Brown said, even if it has been in business for some time.

Because the language is, vague and confusing, supporters will try to amend the act so it can be carried out more effectively.

However, opponents of the bill may take the opportunity to change or repeal parts of the law to benefit the liquor industry.

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How the Liquor laws work

From our Anchorage Bureau

Every year, Alaska's 1,300 liquor licenses must be renewed. Under legislation passed last spring, people living outside of

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LUCY AND CHARLIE JENSEN, who remember the old days of the IRA Council in Kotzebue, listen intently to reports of what the reorganized council will be like. The reorganization meeting attracted about 120 people of all ages from Kotzebue, some to hear an explanation of how the emergency system of caribou permits was going to work. See story on Page 3.

Photo By MARGIE BAUMAN

Fort Yukon Area Justice Delivery Suffers

By MARGIE BAUMAN

FAIRBANKS—To the investigator's eye, the Fort Yukon area is a bubbling eyesore when it comes to delivery of legal justice, but nothing people and money can't cure.

The proposed medication, from the Bush Justice Implementation Committee ranges from full time magistrate service for Fort Yukon to village level trials and probation aide for the Fort Yukon area, to provide follow-up for probationers and parolees.

Also recommended by that committee, which emerged from the Bush Justice Conference at Minto two years ago, are improved communication and

better state trooper service to Fort Yukon area villages and assistance to unincorporated villages in getting federal funds for law enforcement.

A copy of the report was made available to the Tundra Times by the Alaska Federation of Natives Inc. in Anchorage.

It is based on the findings of field workers Evan McKenzie and Joe Curran, committee member William Tegoseak and committee staff director David Case.

In addition to its recommendations, the Fort Yukon report ~~recounts numerous incidents of alleged brutality and what those who wrote the report consider lack of responsiveness on the part of the state trooper~~

stationed at Fort Yukon. It also raised the issue of possible illegalities in trooper use of military personnel for law enforcement.

One story related to the bush justice committee by Fort Yukon Police Chief Gerald Halverson was that the state trooper assigned to the area involved a military vehicle and three GI's in investigation.

Halverson said trooper John Addis had a military vehicle pick him up, along with the GI's, to pick up his car at the nearby military base and enroute they stopped one of the men suspected by Halverson of being involved in tire slashing.

Halverson said the man claimed Addis searched and

questioned him while two armed GI's stood by. Halverson said that when his case was presented to the district attorney's office in Fairbanks, he was told the case was ruined by the trooper's interference, as use of military personnel in making civilian arrests is illegal.

City Jail Condemned
Not the least of the area's problems is the jail itself. Halverson told investigators that he "wouldn't keep a dog in it."

The jail has been condemned by the state of Alaska, but city manager Richard Carroll said the city can't afford to build a jail that meets state standards. Instead they use the single cell jail of the state trooper, "when

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Caribou seminar set for Dec. 4

The Fairbanks Environmental Center has announced the panel members who will be participating in its conference on the Survival of Alaska's Caribou Herds. The panel will include;

Scientist—Dr. David Klein; Leader, Wildlife Research Unit, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Native—Willie Goodwin; Manager, Village Development, NANA Corp., Kotzebue.

Environmentalist—Jim Kowalsky; Alaska Field Representative, FOE, Fairbanks.

Sportsmen—Tom Scarborough; Past-president, Tanana Valley Sportsmens Assoc., Fbks.

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